

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 251** HLS 14RS 557

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Hospital Transparency		

HEALTH SERVICES

EG NO IMPACT See Note

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Provides for transparency in prices of hospital procedures, treatments, and other health care services

Proposed law requires certain health care providers (hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers), upon the request of a patient, to provide an estimate for the amount to be charged to the patient for a particular service. The provider shall provide the estimate within 7 days of the request by the patient. The provider may provide the estimate verbally if the request was verbally or electronically or by mail if the request was in writing.

Proposed law provides that the estimate shall be considered a non-binding estimate based on the information provided by the patient or the patient's treating physician to the provider at the time of the request and not a guarantee of the final charge for services delivered.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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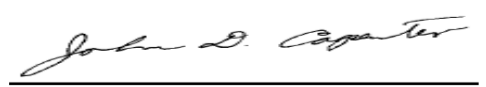
**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on DHH expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed bill requires hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to provide an estimate for the amount to be charged to a patient for a particular service at request of a patient. There are no anticipated database maintenance or reporting requirements of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

  
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