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Fiscal Note On: HB **629** HLS 25RS

Bill Text Version: ORIGINAL

Opp. Chamb. Action: Proposed Amd.:

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Subject: Informed Consent for Medical Interventions

Provides with respect to informed consent for medical interventions

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Proposed law provides that a healthcare provider shall obtain informed consent from a patient or person authorized to give informed consent in emergencies before administering any medical intervention, except in cases of medical emergency where immediate action is necessary to prevent serious harm or loss of life; requires a healthcare provider to provide the patient or parent or legal guardian of the patient with the Vaccine Information Statement before administering a vaccination; requires a healthcare provider to document receipt and acknowledgment of the Vaccine Information Statement and informed consent in the patient's medical record; provides that a person shall not face loss of employment, benefits, services, or other punitive actions for refusing a medical intervention; prohibits employers and business entities (public and private) from requiring medical interventions as a condition of employment, enrollment, admission, or service; prohibits healthcare providers from requiring, compelling, or coercing a person to receive a vaccination as a condition of being a patient or receive a medical intervention, treatment, or medical procedure; holds healthcare providers in violation of proposed law liable for statutory damages of no less than \$5,000 per violation; allows prevailing parties to seek civil remedies (including damages, attorneys fees, and injunctive relief); provides that the Attorney General shall establish a reporting system to document and investigate violations.

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EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in workload in local district courts, to the extent that additional civil suits are filed and hearings conducted relative to violations by healthcare providers who violate informed consent or discrimination provisions of the proposed law. Proposed law has the effect of potentially increasing the number of filings and related hearings for civil remedies for violation of informed consent and discrimination provisions of the proposed law. The exact fiscal impact to district courts is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of instances in which civil filings and related hearings will be scheduled and conducted under the proposed law.

Proposed law mandates that the Attorney General (AG) establish a reporting system to document and investigate violations of the proposed law, the AG advises that any fiscal impact of the proposed law to the agency can be absorbed using existing personnel.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Fund revenues to district courts, to the extent that courts receive filing fees for civil suits relative to the violations by healthcare providers who violate informed consent or discrimination provisions of the proposed law. The exact fiscal impact to district courts is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of instances in which civil fees will be collected under proposed law.

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13.5.2 >=	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer