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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1491 by Dean (Relating to the liability of a rural or community hospital for a health care liability claim.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies to provide that, in an action on a health care liability claim where final judgment is rendered against a rural or community hospital, civil liability for noneconomic damages cannot exceed \$100,000. The bill would provide that, in a wrongful death or survival action on a health care liability claim where final judgment is rendered against a rural or community hospital, civil liability cannot exceed \$100,000.

Based on information provided by the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated as a result from implementing the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin

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