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TO: Honorable Stephanie Klick, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB572 by Springer (Relating to in-person visitation of religious counselors with certain health care facility patients and residents during a public health emergency.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to establish rules that require health care facilities to allow religious counselors to visit patients or residents during a public health emergency whenever a patient or resident requests such a visit.

HHSC indicates the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm

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