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Bill Number: H. 3518 Introduced on January 12, 2021
Author: Willis
Subject: Medical Ethics and Diversity Act
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
Impact Date: January 27, 2021

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Fund, or Other Funds of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) because implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the bill can be managed within the agency’s existing appropriations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 12, 2021

State Expenditure

This bill gives a medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer to right to abstain from participating in or paying for any health care service which violates the party’s conscience. In addition, no medical practitioner may be discriminated against due to providing an act or omission the practitioner believes is a violation of the bill’s provisions; testifying in a proceeding concerning such a violation; assisting or participating in such a proceeding; or disclosing any information the practitioner believes evinces a violation of any law, rule, regulation, standard of care, or other ethical guidelines or believes evinces gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a danger to public health or safety.

DHEC is responsible for the regulation of health care institutions and practices. The agency indicates that the bill will have no impact on its General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds because implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the bill can be conducted with its existing appropriations.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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