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HB 20-1425

FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Geitner; Hooton Sen. Smallwood; Ginal	Bill Status:	House Public Health
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Bill Topic: HOSPITAL PATIENT VISITATION RIGHTS DURING COVID-19

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill entitles patients to have a designated visitor at a hospital and requires hospitals to develop policies regarding visitation. In FY 2020-21 only, it minimally increases workload in the Department of Public Health and Environment.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill entitles a patient receiving inpatient care at a hospital to one designated visitor, and establishes rules for how the visitor is designated. It also requires hospitals to establish written policies and procedures regarding visitation rights. Hospitals may not restrict visitation if the sole reason is to reduce the risk of a communicable disease, but during times when the transmission risk of a communicable disease is heightened, they may impose certain requirements or restrictions on visitors or deny access to visitors who display certain symptoms. The bill repeals on May 31, 2021.

State Expenditures

To the extent that the complaints are registered regarding violations of these provisions or the department provides guidance to hospitals, workload will increase in the Department of Public Health and Environment. No change in appropriation is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Public Health and Environment