

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2026 General Assembly Session  
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB973

**Patron:** Price

**Bill Title:** Health records; disclosure of laboratory test results; waiting period

**Bill Summary:** The proposed legislation requires health care entities to wait 72 hours before disclosing test results that could indicate malignancy or genetic markers as part of a patient's health records unless the disclosure of such test results is requested by the patient, is not possible due to the health care entity's electronic health records system, or such early disclosure is in the patient's best interest. The bill permits health care entities to disclose health records to an electronic health information exchange to comply with the federal 21st Century Cures Act.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Fiscal Summary:** No fiscal impact.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The proposed legislation is not expected to have any fiscal impact on state agencies.

**Other:** None