

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB973ER

Patron: Price

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

Bill Summary: The enrolled bill 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