

FISCAL NOTE

May 16, 2017

Bill No:	SB 300	Printer's No:	606	Sponsor:	Eichelberger (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: The bill would provide the how the Department of Human Services (DHS) prioritizes the allocation of public funds for family planning services and limit the contracts the DHS may enter with entities that perform abortions.

ANALYSIS: The bill sets the following order of priority for appropriations made for family planning services:

1. Nonpublic hospitals and federally qualified health centers,
2. Rural health clinics,
3. State health clinics,
4. Nonpublic health providers that have as their primary purpose the provision of primary health care services.

The bill prohibits DHS from entering into a contract with or making a grant to any entity that performs abortions that are not federally qualified or maintains a facility where abortions are performed. The bill allows for an exception for entities and facilities provide abortions as a requirement under Medicaid and by a Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services-approved provider.

The bill permits the Attorney General to bring an action to enforce the provisions of the bill and relief would be available in appropriate circumstances. Further, an entity eligible for the receipt of public funds may bring any action that the Attorney General has the authority to bring if an expenditure or grant of public funds made in violation of the bill results in a reduction of public funds and a court awards monetary relief. The amount recovered would be deposited into accounts maintained by the commonwealth for public funds.

The act would take effect immediately and would apply to all fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT: The exact fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. However, the bill would limit the Department's ability to enter into contracts with entities that provide affordable healthcare services to women, men, and young people.