

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Monnes Anderson, Telfer, Winters, Morrisette
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Meeting Dates:	2/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Repeals requirements for disclosure of protected health information regarding individual between providers of behavioral or physical health care services to individual. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Senate Bill 163 (2007) background
- Implementation difficulties
- Number of clients impacted

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 74th Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 163, which allows for the exchange of specific health information between contracted managed care organizations without requiring additional, individual, patient authorizations. However, the information that may be shared without the patient's consent is minimal.

As the Department of Human Services (DHS) has moved forward to implement Senate Bill 163, difficulties have arisen, and stakeholders have requested that Senate Bill 163 be repealed.