



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1233

PRINTERS NO. 2473

PRIME SPONSOR: Quinn

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1233, Printer's Number 2473, creates the freestanding Patient Test Result Information Act. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation applies to diagnostic imaging services which are performed on an outpatient basis, and requires that the imaging service entity directly notify the patient or his/her designee if there is a finding of an abnormality or anomaly which requires follow-up care within three months. This legislation does not apply to routine obstetric ultrasounds; tests performed on a patient who is being treated on an inpatient basis; or diagnostic radiographs, more commonly referred to as x-rays.

Results may be provided by mail, electronically (either through email or an automatic alert from an electronic medical record system), by fax, or provided directly to the patient at the time of service as long as the patient acknowledges the receipt of the results and signs the patient's medical record accordingly. If the test results are provided to the patient at the time of service, no other methods of transmittal are required by the imaging service entity.

The entity must provide notice to the patient or the patient's designee no sooner than 7 days and no later than 20 days after the date the results were sent to the ordering health care practitioner and must include the following information:

- Name of the ordering health care practitioner
- Date the test was performed
- Date the results were sent to the ordering health care practitioner
- Report summary or complete results of the imaging service
- Any additional information deemed necessary by the entity to help the patient understand the results of the imaging service
- A statement that the patient is receiving the notice due to an abnormal finding on the diagnostic imaging service and encouraging the patient to contact his/her health care practitioner with any questions

The Department of Health (DOH) is required to conduct compliance reviews as part of the inspection performed by DOH or an accrediting organization, establish a complaint procedure and investigate complaints relating to the bill.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will require the Department of Health to investigate complaints; however, the fiscal impact related to these investigations is anticipated to be negligible and can be covered with existing funding.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*