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Senate Bill 732 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator George A. McManus, Jr.
Committee: Health Policy and Senior Citizens

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 270 of 1967, which governs the release of information for medical research and medical education, to expand the Act's list of "review entities" to include an appointed peer review committee of a health care network, health care organization, or health care delivery system composed of licensed health professionals or licensed health facilities, or both; and a health plan qualified under the program for medical assistance administered pursuant to the Social Welfare Act by the Department of Community Health.

Currently, the Act lists several review entities, such as a State or county association of health care professionals, a hospital association, and a medical society. A person, organization, or entity may provide information or data to a review entity relating to the condition and care of patients and the performance of health care providers; the person, organization, or entity is not civilly or criminally liable for providing that information or data. Release or publication of the findings and conclusions of a review entity must be for the purpose of advancing health care research or education; to maintain the standards of health care professionals; to provide evidence relating to ethics or discipline of a health care provider; or for other purposes provided in the Act.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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