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HB5158 AS INTRODUCED

Sponsor: Rep. Stephen Ehardt

Committee: HEALTH POLICY

Analyst(s): Schneider, Bob

Completed: 12/3/01

State Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: None

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: Indeterminate/Increase

The bill would create a new act to allow health care providers and health facilities to object to participating in a health care service as a matter of conscience, on ethical, moral, or religious grounds. The bill outlines circumstances under which providers and facilities would be prohibited from asserting such objections. It also establishes requirements for asserting such objections and establishes certain employment protections for those properly asserting objections. Persons violating the act would be responsible for a state civil infraction and could face civil fines of up to \$1,000 for each day a violation continued or for each occurrence of a violation. This provision could increase local revenue to the extent that violations occur and are prosecuted.