

# Fiscal Analysis

## PATIENT SAFETY COMMISSION; CREATE



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**Bill/Sponsor**                      **HOUSE BILL 4272 AS INTRODUCED**, Rep. Stephen R. Ehardt

**House Committee**                Health Policy

### **Analysis**

#### **Summary**

House Bill 4272 amends the Public Health Code by adding Section 20188 to the General Provisions of Article 17, Facilities and Agencies. Section 20188 would create the Governor's Commission on Patient Safety in the Department of Community Health. The Governor shall appoint the members of the Commission. The Commission shall issue a written report within one year, containing recommendations for improvements in medical practice and a system for reducing medical errors in health facilities and in private practice. The bill requires the Commission to seek input from the public and from 24 organizations identified in the bill, meet, review information, study the causes of medical errors, and write a report. The Commission is subject to the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

There will be costs associated with the establishment, operations and reporting of a one-year Governor's Commission on Patient Safety. Potential costs to the Department of Community Health will depend on the availability of existing departmental resources. As a comparison, a Long-Term Care Work Group coordinated by the Department of Community Health over two years in 1998-2000 utilized existing DCH staff and resources and existing funds of approximately \$147,000 for contractual support services.

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