

## **HB 25-1256: LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT MINORS PARENT RIGHTS**

**Prime Sponsors:** 

Rep. Bradley Sen. Pelton R.

**Bill Outcome:** Postponed Indefinitely **Drafting number:** LLS 25-0810

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**Fiscal note status:** The final fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Health & Human Services Committee on March 4, 2025; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

#### **Summary Information**

**Overview.** The bill would have prohibited health care providers from implementing do-not-resuscitate orders for minors without consent from a parent or legal guardian, expect in specified circumstances.

**Types of impacts.** The bill would have affected the following areas on an ongoing basis:

Minimal State Workload

**Appropriations.** No appropriation was required.

# Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

|                         | Budget Year | Out Year   |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Type of Impact          | FY 2025-26  | FY 2026-27 |
| State Revenue           | \$0         | \$0        |
| State Expenditures      | \$0         | \$0        |
| Transferred Funds       | \$0         | \$0        |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0         | \$0        |
| Change in State FTE     | 0.0 FTE     | 0.0 FTE    |

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## **Summary of Legislation**

The bill prohibits health care providers from implementing a do-not-resuscitate order in an unemancipated minor's medical record without consent from a parent or legal guardian, except in specified circumstances including when the parent or guardian cannot be contacted for 72 hours. The bill places further protections on life continuing care for minors related to court orders and facility transfers.

## **State Expenditures**

Workload will minimally increase for the Department of Regulatory Agencies to conduct outreach regarding the new requirements for regulated health care professionals.

### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed, and it applies to health care provided on or after that date.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing

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Personnel

Law

Public Health and Environment

**Regulatory Agencies**