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Identifier: SB072CS(HSS)-DHSS-HFLC-2-20-16
 Title: DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS FOR PATIENTS
 Sponsor: GIESSEL
 Requester: Senate L&C

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
 Appropriation: Health Care Services
 Allocation: Health Facilities Licensing and Certification
 OMB Component Number: 2944

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2017	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2017 Request	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2017	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Updated for the CS. The Department changed the division and component named on this fiscal note to reflect the division/component most directly impacted by the legislation.

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Agency:	Health and Social Services		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill is intended to promote effective aftercare for patients discharged from a hospital by requiring the hospital to give the patient the opportunity to formally designate a caregiver to provide aftercare in the patient's home. The bill has the potential to improve post-hospital health outcomes by ensuring that a trained lay caregiver has taken responsibility for aftercare, and may result in fewer hospital readmissions.

The bill adds to the hospital's responsibilities, which may require additional personnel time and effort.

The bill allows non-compliance with the provisions of the statute if compliance would delay discharge, and specifies that the provisions of the statute do not constitute a "right of action" against a hospital, its employees or contractors. The lay caregiver does not supersede the powers/duties of an agent or legal guardian acting upon a health care directive.

If implemented, the DHSS Division of Health Care Services, Health Facilities Licensing and Certification component will add this lay caregiver provision to the portion of its hospital survey checklist around patient discharge planning, include it in hospitals' reviews, and would issue a citation if a hospital were out of compliance with the terms stipulated in this legislation. These provisions do not represent an additional cost to the Department.