

## Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB 2060

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** McQuigg, Michele B.

**3. Committee** Education and Health

**4. Title** Health; local health partnership authorities

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill provides for the creation of a local health partnership authority representing single or multiple jurisdictions for the purpose of community health assessment and health care service delivery in order to achieve efficiencies and reduce duplication. The bill provides the basic outline for a local authority with provisions for membership, a board of directors, meeting and voting requirements and an outline of powers and duties. The authority would have to be approved by each participating locality by ordinance, resolution or agreement only after a public hearing has been held. The bill also has provisions that (i) allow for the disclosure of medical records, after consent by the patient, to the authority to allow for health care services to be provided, (ii) protect volunteers who are licensed professionals when providing services under the auspices of such authority from civil liability when such services are performed without gross negligence or willful misconduct, and (iii) exempt authorities in the conduct of their work from the state procurement act. The bill requires a pilot project to be instituted in Planning District 8 that has been operating a community health program under a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson and Kellogg Foundations. The Joint Commission on Health Care shall monitor and provide technical advice to the authority and shall, by November 15, 2002, evaluate the program and make recommendations for its continuation and for changes necessary in the program and statute. The pilot authority and any subsequent authorities have to make annual reports to the Joint Commission on Health Care.

**6. Fiscal impact is minimal**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** The Joint Commission on Health Care indicated that it would be able to absorb any costs associated with implementing this legislation.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Joint Commission on Health Care

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources

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