

**Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB1697

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

2. Patron McQuigg

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Certified nursing facility education initiative.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill repeals the expiration date of July 1, 2003, that would have ended this program. In addition, it makes some technical or clarifying amendments; and declares the records, reports, and communications of any staff member, employee, consultant, or other person, acting on behalf of the nonprofit organization that is contracted to conduct the nursing facility education initiative, to be privileged and not to be disclosed or obtained by legal discovery proceedings unless a circuit court, after a hearing and a showing of good cause arising from extraordinary circumstances, orders the disclosure.

This declaration will not, however, provide any privilege for the records of the facilities with respect to any patient or any facts or information contained in the records or preclude or affect discovery or production of evidence relating to the treatment of any patient by a healthcare provider. Technical amendments are also included.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications:

This bill as it is currently written does not have a fiscal impact.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: N/A

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources