

Department of Planning and Budget

2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1356

House of Origin	☒	Introduced	☐	Substitute	☐	Engrossed
Second House	☐	In Committee	☐	Substitute	☐	Enrolled

2. Patron: Kiggans

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Hospitals, nursing homes, certified nursing facilities, hospices, and assisted living facilities;

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Health to include in regulations governing hospitals, nursing homes, certified nursing facilities and hospices and the Board of Social Services to include in regulations governing assisted living facilities a requirement that each hospital, nursing home, certified nursing facility, hospice, and assisted living facility allows patients or residents to receive visits from a rabbi, priest, minister, or clergyman of any religious denomination or sect upon request during a declared public health emergency related to a communicable disease of public health threat. The bill provides that any person visiting a patient or resident pursuant to this act shall comply with all reasonable requirements of the hospital, nursing home, certified nursing facility, hospice, or assisted living facility adopted to protect the health and safety of residents, patients, and staff.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: Any increase in cost to amend regulations can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.