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Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB 1067 requires medical records to be retained a minimum of 10 years beyond when the patient was last seen or a minimum of three years beyond the patient's death. Records of newborns or minors will be retained three years past the age of majority. Health care providers are authorized to use recording technology to record medical records and destroy the original to conserve space. Records reconstituted from technology will be considered the same as the original. The minimum contents of a medical record must follow state administrative code. In the event of closure of a health care provider's office, the health care provider must inform the State Department of Health of the disposition of the records.

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Fiscal Analysis

The proposed oversight committee substitute to HB 1067 requires health care providers to retain medical records for at least ten (10) years from the date the patient was last seen by the provider or at least three (3) years from the date of the patient's death. Records of newborns or minors must be retained for a minimum of three (3) years past the age of majority. Additionally, health care providers are required to inform the State Department of Health of the disposition of records in the event of office closure. In its current form, HB 1067 has no direct fiscal impact on the state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.

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