

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB889
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Research Analysis

The floor amendment for SB 889 requires that a hospital complies with the federal Public Health Service Act and authorizes the State Department of Health to monitor each hospital's compliance with the requirements of the act using any of the listed methods. If the Department determines that a hospital is not in compliance, they may provide a written notice, request a corrective action plan, and impose an administrative penalty if the hospital fails to respond to the request or comply with the corrective action plan. The measure outlines the process and requirements for a correction action plan. A hospital that is not in compliance with this act on the date that items or services are purchased from or provided to a patient by the hospital must not initiate or pursue a collection action in court against the patient or patient guarantor for a debt owed for the items or services. Nothing in this act prohibits a hospital from billing a patient, patient guarantor, or third-party payor for items or services provided to the patient or requires a hospital to refund any payment any payment made to the hospital for items or services provided in the patient as long as no collection action is taken in violation of this act. The measure also adds hospitals to the definition of *health care facility*.

CHANGES IN FLOOR SUB VERSION FROM COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE:

The floor amendment for SB 889 inserts new language into the measure with the only part being the same the amendment to the definition of *health care facility*.

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Fiscal Analysis

The floor amendment to SB 889 requires hospitals to comply with federal guidelines under the Public Health Service Act, which pertain to the disclosure of standard hospital charges. The State Department of Health (OSDH) is authorized to monitor each hospital's compliance with the requirements of the measure. OSDH does not anticipate a fiscal impact on the agency. Therefore, in its current form, SB 889 will have no direct impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

