SB 1060 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Campos

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date:	06/12/25
Action:	Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)
Vote:	3-2-0-0
Yeas:	3 - Golden, Jama, Manning Jr
Nays:	2 - Bonham, Thatcher
Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates:	6/2, 6/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires hospitals to publicly disclose their standard charges for medical services, including rates negotiated with different payers and discounted cash prices.

Detailed Summary:

- Requires hospitals to publish data in a machine-readable format on a website that is searchable and free to access, without requiring an account, password, or personal information.
 - Includes gross charges, minimum and maximum rates negotiated with different payers, and any discounted cash price.
 - Requires hospitals to provide shoppable services pricing for at least 300 services that are commonly scheduled in advance.
- Allows hospitals to meet price transparency requirements by offering an online price estimator tool instead of a list of standard charges for common services.
 - Online price estimator tool must either be approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or provide estimates for specific shoppable services and related costs.
 - The tool must be easy to find on the hospital's website, free to access, and without requiring an account password or personal information.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential for differences between federal and state requirements.
- Administrative burden on hospitals.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Allows hospitals to meet price transparency requirements by offering an online price estimator tool.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) began requiring hospitals to share their standard charges in two ways: a detailed, machine-readable file and a user-friendly display listing charges for at least 300 common services.

Senate Bill 1060 B requires hospitals to publish standard charges for medical services or to provide a price estimator tool.

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