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BILL NUMBER: sSB 101
FILE NUMBER:
AMENDMENTS: House "A"

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH RECORDS REQUESTED FROM PROVIDERS BY CERTAIN PATIENTS"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Human Services, Public Health

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 101

STATE IMPACT None, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT None
STATE AGENCY(S) Department of Health Services

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

Passage of this bill as amended would result in no additional state cost or savings since the section of the General Statutes that it amends is not applicable to state agencies. The bill as amended concerns the costs a health care provider may charge a patient for furnishing a copy of the patient's health records as provided under Section 20-7c; however, Section 20-7e maintains that the provisions of Sections 20-7b to 20-7d, inclusive, shall not apply to medical records maintained by any state or municipal agency as defined in Section 4-190.

The bill as amended provides that health care institutions must provide medical records free of charge within thirty days of a patient request, for the purposes of a claim or appeal under the Social Security Act.

House "A" allows health care institutions to charge up to 65 cents per page, the cost of first class postage, and the amount necessary for copies of a patient's x-ray when providing medical records upon a patient's written request. As this provision is not applicable to State or municipal agencies, no fiscal impact would result. It should be noted that the amendment would change the effective date from "October 10, 1992" to "upon passage".