



## **Background**

State agencies such as the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the State Veterans Nursing Homes within the Department of Human Services (DHS) care for terminally ill patients. The DOC estimates having approximately 20 terminally ill patients in their care at any given time. The State Veterans Nursing Homes currently have 10 patients in Hospice Care. These are estimates based on the current number of patients and may fluctuate over time.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill does not create new liability for state agencies to pay for the cost of investigational products. At any given time, the DOC and the DHS will have custody of only a small number of patients, if any, who are terminally ill and meet other eligibility criteria set forth in the bill. In situations where a manufacturer charges patients for the cost of investigational products, the fiscal note assumes that persons in the custody of state agencies will be able to apply financial resources, insurance, and any other similar benefit to the extent allowed by current law. State Agencies may also choose to pay for treatment if costs are comparable to other treatments and can be paid within existing appropriations. In addition, the DOC may have costs for security, transportation, and other logistics if inmates receive investigational products outside of DOC facilities.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing  
Higher Education  
Regulatory Agencies

Corrections  
Judicial  
Human Services