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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 260 (Senators Green and Hollinger)

Judicial Proceedings

Health Care Malpractice Claims - Panel Selection Lists

This bill changes the time periods within which the Director of the Health Claims Arbitration Office is required to deliver names and biographical statements of persons willing to serve as arbitrators to each party involved in a health care malpractice claim. Under current law, the director has 20 days after a response is filed to deliver this information to the parties. This bill changes that time period to 20 days after the filing of a claimant's certificate of a qualified expert, or in a case where lack of informed consent is the sole issue, within 20 days after the filing of the defendant's response.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill generally codifies current practice within the Health Claims Arbitration Office.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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