
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5388

AN ACT CONCERNING PROCESSING FEES FOR MEDICAL RECORDS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits health care service providers from charging a patient for furnishing part or all of the patient's health records to support an application for disability retirement benefits from the state employees retirement system, as long as the records request includes documentation of the application.

Existing law, unchanged by the bill, prohibits providers from charging fees for health records needed for a documented claim or appeal for Social Security or state or federal veterans' benefits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

BACKGROUND

Record Fees

Unless fees are prohibited, the law allows a health care provider to charge up to 65 cents per page, including any applicable research or handling fees, related costs, and first-class postage, to supply a patient's health record. Patients may also be charged an additional amount to cover the cost of material for a copy of an x-ray.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 9 Nay 4 (03/05/2026)