

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB3313
Version:	CS
Request Number:	
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Impact:	No impact

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 3313 specifies that a minor patient or adult hospitalized with Covid-19 has the right to have a parent, guardian or at least one family member to have the ability to be physically present while the minor patient or adult is receiving hospital care. The CS prohibits a hospital from using a diagnosis of Covid-19 alone as a medical or therapeutic cause for visitation rights to be removed. The CS also authorizes a hospital to enact policies establishing reasonable visitation hours provided the policies allow for an exemption process for twenty-four-hour visitation in end-of-life scenarios.

The committee substitute modifies the circumstances that hospitals are allowed to do without penalty of legal action. The measure provides that civil action may be brought against a hospital for certain violations of the No Patient Left Alone Act. This act will be enforced exclusively through private civil actions. The measure provides criteria and exceptions in bringing a civil action and provides damages for violations of this act. The measure declares an emergency.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS to HB 3313 has no fiscal or revenue considerations to the state.

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Other Considerations

None.