

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB709
Version:	CS
Request Number:	
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Impact:	No impact

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to SB 709 provides that the State Commissioner of Health will serve at the pleasure of the Governor rather than the State Board of Health. The CS exempts potential candidates for the position of Commissioner of Health from appointment requirements if the candidate possesses at least a master's degree and has experience in management of state agencies or large projects. The CS also specifies the Commissioner will have certain powers and duties, unless otherwise directed by the Governor. The measure removes all statutory references regarding powers and duties of the State Board of Health and assigns those duties to the Commissioner of Health. The State Commissioner of Health is required to appoint a Chief Medical Officer (CMO) who reports directly to the Commissioner.

The CS also provides the qualifications for the Chief Medical Officer and authorizes the CMO to maintain a clinical practice to retain expertise and remain current in his or her specialized field. The act establishes duties of the Chief Medical Officer position. The measure strikes the effective date of the act and declares an emergency.

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Fiscal Analysis

After review, SB709 has no anticipated fiscal considerations to the state.

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Other Considerations

None.