

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB709
Version:	PCS1
Request Number:	11309
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The proposed 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. PCS1 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. PCS1 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.

PCS1 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. Lastly, the measure declares an emergency.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.