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## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to require that each hospital include with its application for license renewal a community benefits report that met the requirements of the bill. A hospital would have to include in the community benefits report the following information:

- -- A description of the community served by the hospital.
- -- A mission statement that included, at a minimum, a commitment to serve the community.
- -- A community benefits plan or the commitment to develop and implement a community benefits plan in cooperation with local governmental officials.
- -- Beginning with the second community benefits report submitted after the effective date of the bill, a report on the outcome of the previous community benefits plan.
- -- Other information required by rules promulgated by the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

Upon request, the Department would have to provide a copy of a community benefits report to the Legislature or to a State or local governmental agency.

The Department could promulgate rules to implement the bill including, but not limited to, rules that prescribed additional information to be included in the community benefits report.

Proposed MCL 333.21516 Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This bill would create additional administrative responsibilities for the Department of Consumer and Industry Services in that it would be required to maintain these plans and distribute them upon request. According to the Department, there is no way to predict what the costs would be, but existing resources would be used to cover them.

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