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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Cody, O'Brien, Kenney, Moeller and Edwards)

Brief Description: Streamlining the health care disciplinary process.

**HB 2326-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the uniform disciplinary act provides a uniform process for addressing acts of unprofessional conduct affecting fifty-seven health professions regulated by the state.

Finds that it is necessary to further streamline the disciplinary process and ensure more equitable case dispositions among health care providers. An efficient division of responsibilities between the secretary of health with authority over preliminary complaint investigations and charging decisions reserved to the health professionals sitting on the boards and commissions as the final authority on case dispositions.

Declares that these measures will ensure that investigations and charging decisions are free of any potential conflicts of interest and that sanctions are uniform across professional lines.

Finds that this act does not intend to change or modify, in any way, the relationship as it exists on the effective date of this section between boards and commissions and contractors providing services to impaired providers.