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## Bill Summary

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## Overview

This bill changes the suggested form for health care directives. A person can use a health care directive to address all aspects of advanced planning for health care, by appointing an agent to make the person's health care decisions or by making statements about how the person's health care should be handled.

Suggested form. Amends § 145C.16. Modifies the suggested form for health care directives, by allowing a person who signs a health care directive to authorize their health care agent to decide whether the person's tissue and eyes are donated upon death. In current law, the suggested form allows a person completing a health care directive to give the health care agent the power to decide whether the person's organs are donated upon death.