



Senate

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File No. 392

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 521

Senate, April 16, 2003

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. HANDLEY of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE DENTAL PLAN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Social
2 Services, prior to the implementation of a state-wide dental plan that
3 provides for the administration of the dental services portion of the
4 department's medical assistance program, shall submit a copy of such
5 plan to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
6 cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services and
7 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Not later than fifteen
8 days after receipt of such plan, said committees shall hold a public
9 hearing on the submitted plan. Not later than thirty days after receipt
10 of such plan, said committees shall advise the Commissioner of Social
11 Services of their approval, denial or modifications, if any, of the plan
12 or any revisions thereto. If the joint standing committees do not
13 concur, the committee chairpersons shall appoint a committee on
14 conference which shall be comprised of three members from each joint
15 standing committee. At least one member appointed from each

16 committee shall be a member of the minority party. The report of the
 17 committee on conference shall be made to each committee, which shall
 18 vote to accept or reject the report. The report of the committee on
 19 conference may not be amended. If a joint standing committee rejects
 20 the report of the committee on conference, the plan or revisions thereto
 21 shall be deemed approved. If the joint standing committees accept the
 22 report, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to
 23 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies shall advise the
 24 commissioner of their approval or modifications, if any, of the plan or
 25 revisions to the plan, provided if the committees take no action within
 26 thirty days of receipt of the plan, the plan or revisions to the plan shall
 27 be deemed approved.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The phrase "Within fifteen days of such plan" was changed to "Not later than fifteen days after receipt of such plan" for clarity. The phrase "Within thirty days of receipt of such plan," was changed to "Not later than thirty days after receipt of such plan" and the phrase "joint standing committees of the General Assembly" was condensed to "said committees" for consistency.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to submit to the General Assembly any state-wide dental plan for the administration of dental services under the Medicaid program prior to implementation. The General Assembly can approve, modify or deny such a submittal. This is not anticipated to result in any fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 521

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE DENTAL PLAN**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS), before implementing a statewide plan for administration of Medicaid dental services, to submit a copy of the plan to the Public Health, Human Services, and Appropriations committees. It requires the committees (1) within 15 days after receiving the plan, to hold a hearing on it and (2) within 30 days after receiving the plan, to advise the commissioner of their approval, denial, plan modifications, or plan revisions.

If the committees do not concur, the bill requires the chairpersons to appoint a conference committee made up of three members from each committee, with at least one minority party member from each committee. The conference committee must report to each committee, and the committees must vote to accept or reject the conference report, which cannot be amended. If one committee rejects the report, the DSS plan or revised plan is deemed approved. If all committees accept the report, the Appropriations committee must advise the commissioner of the committees' approval or modifications, if any, of the plan or revised plan.

If the committees take no action within the 30 days, the bill specifies that the plan or revised plan is deemed approved.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

sSB 212 (File 25) makes some administrative changes concerning dental providers. The Human Services Committee reported the bill favorably to the floor on February 27. The House subsequently sent it to the Appropriations Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 2