



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 521

LCO No. 4554

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE DENTAL PROGRAM 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 and the office of the State Comptroller, prior to the
3 implementation of a state-wide dental program plan that provides for
4 (1) the administration of the dental services portion of the
5 department's medical assistance programs, and (2) administration and
6 dental insurance benefits to present and retired state employees on
7 behalf of the office of the State Comptroller, shall submit a copy of
8 such plan to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
9 having cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services,
10 insurance and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Within
11 thirty days of receipt of such plan, said joint standing committees of
12 the General Assembly shall advise the Commissioner of Social Services
13 of their approval, denial or modifications, if any, of the plan or any
14 revisions thereto. If the joint standing committees do not concur, the
15 committee chairpersons shall appoint a committee on conference
16 which shall be comprised of three members from each joint standing
17 committee. At least one member appointed from each committee shall

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

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

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that the state-wide dental program plan proposed by the Department of Social Services and the office of the State Comptroller is subject to a public process prior to implementation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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