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Committee Bill No. 6304

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CARDIAC CARE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 committee on cardiac care improvement reporting to develop a data
3 collection system or to utilize an existing data collection system on
4 cardiac care outcomes, and to compile and report on its findings. The
5 committee shall collaborate with the Department of Public Health and
6 the Office of Health Care Access to improve the accessibility and
7 appropriate use of cardiac care information, while maintaining
8 confidentiality and safeguarding the privacy of individual patients and
9 physicians. The committee shall: (1) Evaluate and recommend risk-
10 adjustment methodologies for application in a state-wide health
11 information system for the purpose of making state-wide comparisons
12 of expenditures for cardiac care, utilization trends, volume and risk-
13 adjusted outcome measures; (2) evaluate and recommend models for
14 performance evaluation that may provide comparative population-
15 based information on cardiac services, including payments received,
16 provider quality and service effectiveness, volume, risk-adjusted

17 outcome measures, inpatient and outpatient service charges and
18 incidence rates for cardiac procedures, but that will not include
19 physician-specific data; and (3) identify and recommend further steps
20 that need to be taken to (A) compile comparative data on cardiac care
21 outcomes, and (B) implement clinical improvements indicated by the
22 data collected.

23 (b) The committee shall consist of the following members:

24 (1) One cardiologist, one representative from a hospital and one
25 representative of labor appointed by the speaker of the House of
26 Representatives;

27 (2) One cardiologist, one representative from a hospital and one
28 representative of labor appointed by the president pro tempore of the
29 Senate;

30 (3) One cardiovascular surgeon and one representative of the
31 business community appointed by the majority leader of the House of
32 Representatives;

33 (4) One cardiovascular surgeon and one representative of the
34 business community appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

35 (5) Two consumer representatives appointed by the minority leader
36 of the House of Representatives;

37 (6) Two representatives of the insurance industry appointed by the
38 minority leader of the Senate;

39 (7) One representative of an organization that collects and
40 disseminates health information appointed by the Governor;

41 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
42 designee; and

43 (9) The Commissioner of Health Care Access, or the commissioner's
44 designee.

45 (c) All appointments to the committee shall be made no later than
46 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
47 filled by the appointing authority.

48 (d) The Commissioners of Public Health and Health Care Access
49 shall be the chairpersons of the task force, and shall schedule the first
50 meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later than sixty days
51 after the effective date of this section.

52 (e) The administrative staff of the Office of Health Care Access shall
53 serve as administrative staff of the committee.

54 (g) Not later than January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the
55 committee shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations
56 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
57 cognizance of matters relating to public health, in accordance with the
58 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To create a committee on cardiac care improvement to work toward a system of collection of cardiac care data, evaluation of the data, and use of the data to improve cardiac care.

[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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