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Senate Bill No. 32

Senate, March 15, 2006

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS REQUIRED IN THIS STATE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2006, the
2 Insurance Commissioner shall convene a working group to conduct a
3 cost-benefit analysis of all benefits required to be provided in health
4 insurance policies pursuant to chapter 700c of the general statutes. The
5 group shall also make findings on the impact, if any, of such benefits
6 on health insurance premiums.

7 (b) The working group shall consist of (1) the Insurance
8 Commissioner, (2) the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
9 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
10 matters relating to insurance, (3) the Healthcare Advocate, (4) persons
11 selected by the commissioner who represent health insurance
12 consumers, physicians, and health insurers and health care centers that
13 offer health insurance policies in this state, and (5) any members of the
14 commissioner's staff deemed appropriate by the commissioner. The

15 commissioner shall chair the working group.

16 (c) Not later than January 1, 2007, the commissioner shall submit a
17 report on the group's findings to the joint standing committee of the
18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance.
19 The commissioner shall submit the report in accordance with section
20 11-4a of the general statutes. The report shall include, at a minimum,
21 the group's (1) cost-benefit analysis with respect to such required
22 benefits, and (2) findings as to the impact, if any, of such required
23 benefits on health insurance premiums.

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

INS *Joint Favorable*

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Insurance Dept.; Office of the Healthcare Advocate	IF - Cost	Potential Minimal	None

Note: IF=Insurance Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Insurance Commissioner to convene a working group to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of all health insurance benefits required to be provided pursuant to Chapter 700c of the C.G.S. The bill also requires the Insurance Commissioner, no later than January 1, 2007, to submit a report on the group’s findings to the Insurance Committee. Depending on how the working group decides to conduct the cost-benefit analysis, the bill could result in a cost to the Insurance Department resulting from the need to hire outside assistance to perform the analysis.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years because the bill requires the report to be completed by January 1, 2007.

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 3 (03/07/2006)