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Senate Bill No. 281

Senate, March 16, 2010

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 17b-274d of the 2010 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

4 (d) The committee shall meet at least quarterly, and may meet at
5 other times at the discretion of the chairperson and committee
6 membership. The committee shall ensure that each meeting includes
7 an opportunity for public comment. The committee shall comply with
8 all regulations adopted by the department, including notice of any
9 meeting of the committee, pursuant to the requirements of chapter 54.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2010</i> | 17b-274d(d) |
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HS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill requires the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee to allow opportunity for public comment at each meeting. There is no anticipated fiscal impact from this requirement.

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OLR Bill Analysis**SB 281*****AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics (P & T) Committee, which establishes and monitors the Department of Social Services' (DSS) preferred drug list, to ensure that each meeting include an opportunity for public comment.

By law, the committee (1) can seek participation of other interested parties in its deliberations and (2) must provide notice of all of its meetings.

In practice, the committee has established guidelines for public comment. When needed, this takes place during the first half-hour of the P & T Committee meetings.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2010

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

SB 68 adds two members to the P & T Committee.

P & T Committee Guidelines for Public Comment

The P & T Committee has published guidelines for public comment on the Department of Social Services' Medical Assistance Program website. They allow a member of the public to submit clinical and other relevant information to the committee and request an opportunity to speak at a meeting. Speakers must submit a written document, no longer than 10 pages, at least two weeks before the meeting, outlining the subject to be covered. The committee

chairperson distributes the materials to the committee.

At least one week before the meeting, the committee chairman must notify the member of the public who will be permitted to speak based on discussion with committee members, interest, or questions and give an approximate time for his or her appearance.

The first 30 minutes of each committee meeting is allotted for the public. Speakers have a limit of five minutes at the chairperson's discretion. Committee members may question the speaker, again at the chairperson's discretion.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

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