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Substitute House Bill No. 5242

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING DONATED DENTAL SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Public Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social
3 Services, may contract with licensed dental professionals or a state-
4 wide entity which represents dental professionals for such dental
5 professionals or state-wide entity to establish and operate a program
6 for the delivery of charitable dental services to low-income families.
7 Such contract may include provisions that (1) establish a network of
8 volunteer dentists, dental specialists, dental laboratories and other
9 dental professionals to donate dental services to eligible persons; (2)
10 establish a system to refer eligible persons to volunteer dental
11 professionals; (3) develop and implement a public awareness program
12 to inform eligible persons about the program; and (4) provide
13 administrative and technical support for the program.

14 (b) Not later than January 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Public
15 Health shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	less than 100,000	less than 100,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is a potential cost to the Department of Public Health (DPH) of less than \$100,000 annually should DPH choose to contract with licensed dental professionals, or a statewide entity which represents dental professionals, to establish and operate a program for the delivery of charitable dental services to low income families. This cost reflects the provision of funding support for a coordinator position within the contracted entity and associated expenses.

It should be noted that sHB 5014, the revised FY 13 budget bill, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, appropriates \$85,000 in pass-through funding under DPH for a coordinator position within the contracted entity responsible for the delivery of charitable dental services to low income families.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to DPH's continuing to contract with licensed dental professionals, or a statewide entity which represents dental professionals, and providing funding within these contracts.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5242*****AN ACT CONCERNING DONATED DENTAL SERVICES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner, in consultation with the social services commissioner, to contract with (1) licensed dental professionals or (2) a statewide entity representing dental professionals to establish and operate a program providing charitable dental services to low-income families. The contract may include provisions to:

1. establish a network of volunteer dentists, dental specialists, dental laboratories, and other dental professionals to donate dental services to eligible people;
2. establish a system to refer eligible people to program volunteers;
3. develop and implement a public awareness program to inform eligible people about the program; and
4. provide the program with administrative and technical support.

The bill requires the DPH commissioner to report on the program to the Public Health and Human Services committees by January 1, 2013. The report must include (1) an accounting of all program funds, (2) a description of the program's services, and (3) the number of program participants and volunteer dental providers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 23 Nay 2 (03/09/2012)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 53 Nay 0 (04/03/2012)