



Senate

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File No. 349

Senate Bill No. 1088

Senate, April 4, 2013

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 ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ADVERSE DETERMINATIONS BY HEALTH CARRIERS FOR THE TREATMENT OF MENTAL DISORDERS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "adverse
2 determination", "covered person", "health care professional" and
3 "health carrier" have the same meanings as provided in section 38a-
4 591a of the general statutes.

5 (b) There is established a task force to study the numbers,
6 frequencies and final outcomes of adverse determinations by health
7 carriers for the treatment of mental disorders, where such treatments
8 were determined to be medically necessary by a covered person's
9 treating health care professional.

10 (c) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 12 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
14 Representatives;
- 15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 16 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;
- 18 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and
- 19 (7) The Insurance Commissioner and the Healthcare Advocate, or
20 their designees.
- 21 (d) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
22 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (c) of this section may be a member
23 of the General Assembly.
- 24 (e) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
25 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
26 filled by the appointing authority.
- 27 (f) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
28 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
29 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
30 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
31 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 32 (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
33 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance
34 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 35 (h) Not later than January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a
36 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
37 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
38 relating to insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
39 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
40 that it submits such report or January 1, 2014, whichever is later.

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

INS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Legislative Mgmt.; Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than 1,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 14 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact as the task force terminates by FY 14.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

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Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/19/2013)