



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6237

House of Representatives, March 29, 2017

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF MEANS TO IMPLEMENT
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DIABETES ADVISORY COUNCIL.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public Health,
2 in consultation with the Department of Social Services and the
3 Insurance Department, shall study means of implementing the
4 recommendations of the Diabetes Advisory Council, established under
5 section 51 of public act 16-66, to (1) secure Medicaid coverage for
6 diabetes self-management education as part of a program or programs
7 accredited by the American Diabetes Association or the American
8 Association of Diabetes Educators, (2) devise a plan and seek financial
9 support to increase the state's pool of lay and professional diabetes
10 educators who represent at-risk populations including, but not limited
11 to, minorities and persons residing in lower socioeconomic and rural
12 areas, (3) modify cost-sharing of diabetes self-management education
13 by reforming insurance plans to decrease barriers and ensure that such
14 education is not subject to insurance deductibles or copayments, and

15 (4) build the capacity for a state-wide diabetes self-management
16 education program with an emphasis on culturally and linguistically
17 appropriate standards and improved access. Not later than January 1,
18 2019, the Commissioner of Public Health shall report, in accordance
19 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding
20 the outcome of such study and any recommendations concerning
21 implementation of such recommendations to the joint standing
22 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
23 relating to public health, human services and insurance.

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

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$	FY 19 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	15,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill results in a one-time consultant cost of approximately \$15,000 to the Department of Public Health (DPH) to study means of implementing the recommendations of the Diabetes Advisory Council. The consultant expense is estimated at \$60 per hour for services, plus \$40 per hour for fringe/administrative/indirect expenses, for a total cost of \$100 per hour. Federally-funded diabetes staff cannot undertake this work as it extends beyond the approved scope of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention diabetes grant. A part-time staff person (0.5 Full-Time Equivalency), supported under the General Fund, administers the DPH's Diabetes Prevention and Control Program.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact to DPH in the out-years as the report on the study must be completed by 1/1/19.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

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