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**Committee Bill No. 443**

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MONITORING OF HEALTH CARE TRENDS BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) The Attorney General  
2 shall monitor the state's health care market for the purposes of  
3 increasing public transparency regarding health care costs and health  
4 care cost trends and assisting the General Assembly and executive  
5 branch agencies in developing and implementing health care cost  
6 containment policies.

7 (b) The Attorney General may require that any health care provider,  
8 provider organization or payer produce documents, answer  
9 interrogatories and provide testimony under oath related to health  
10 care costs and health care cost trends, factors that contribute to cost  
11 growth within the state's health care system and the relationship  
12 between provider costs and a payer's premium rates. The Attorney  
13 General may review and analyze any relevant information submitted  
14 to or in the possession of the Office of Health Care Access, the  
15 Insurance Department, the State Comptroller or any other state agency  
16 or office. Except as provided in this subsection, the Attorney General

17 shall keep confidential all nonpublic information and documents  
18 obtained under this section and shall not disclose the information or  
19 documents to any person without the consent of the health care  
20 provider, provider organization or payer that produced the  
21 information or documents. The Attorney General may disclose  
22 information and documents obtained in a public hearing, a rate  
23 hearing before the Insurance Department or, in a case brought by the  
24 Attorney General, if the Attorney General believes that such disclosure  
25 will promote the health care cost containment goals of the state and  
26 that the disclosure should be made in the public interest after taking  
27 into account any privacy, trade secret or anticompetitive  
28 considerations. The confidential information and documents shall not  
29 be public records and shall be exempt from disclosure under the  
30 Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general  
31 statutes.

32 (c) Not later than January 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the  
33 Attorney General shall publish a report regarding the state's health  
34 care market on its Internet web site. The report may include  
35 information on the following: (1) Total health care spending, (2) health  
36 care spending by payer type, (3) health care prices by provider type,  
37 (4) health care price disparities between provider types, (5) the  
38 relationship, if any, between the price of health care services and the  
39 quality of such services, (6) the relative effectiveness of various health  
40 care payment models and reform efforts, (7) health disparities by race  
41 and ethnicity, and (8) pharmaceutical costs, including the drivers of  
42 such costs and cost trends. The report shall identify health care market  
43 practices and trends that impact health care costs.

44 (d) Not later than thirty days after issuing the report required under  
45 subsection (c) of this section, the Attorney General shall convene a  
46 public hearing on the findings in such report. The Attorney General  
47 may compel health care providers, payers, state agencies and any other  
48 relevant individuals identified by the Attorney General to testify at  
49 such hearing and answer questions about the information and findings

50 in the report and any other topics or questions identified in advance by  
51 the Attorney General.

52 (e) The Attorney General may hire consultants to assist in carrying  
53 out the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To address imperfections in the health care market.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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