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Proposed Bill No. 5485

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF
ESTABLISHING A HUSKY FOR ALL, UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE
FINANCING SYSTEM.***

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

1 That title 19a of the general statutes be amended to require the
2 executive director of the Office of Health Strategy, in consultation with
3 the Commissioners of Social Services, Developmental Services, Public
4 Health, Aging and Disability Services, Mental Health and Addiction
5 Services and the Labor Commissioner, to: (1) Contract for a cost-benefit
6 analysis of establishing a "HUSKY for All" universal health care
7 financing system with a person or entity who has completed not less
8 than two such analyses on the state or federal level, (2) ensure the
9 analysis includes: (A) All of the subjects included in subdivisions (1) to
10 (12), inclusive, of subsection (e) of substitute senate bill 1090 of the 2021
11 regular session; and (B) costs and benefits of universal (i) health care and
12 prescription drug coverage for all state residents, (ii) patient choice of

13 provider, (iii) physical, mental, behavioral and dental care, including,
14 but not limited to, services of certified mental health professionals and
15 community health workers, (iv) reproductive health services, including,
16 but not limited to, doulas and freestanding child birth centers, (v)
17 holistic health care, including, but not limited to, chiropractor care,
18 acupuncture and massage, (vi) vision and hearing aids, and (vii) long-
19 term care and support, including, but not limited to, home, hospice,
20 assisted living and nursing home care, and (3) file a report not later than
21 January 15, 2024, on the results of the study with the Governor and the
22 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
23 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
24 aging, children, human services, insurance and real estate, labor and
25 public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
26 general statutes.

Statement of Purpose:

To require a study of the costs and benefits of transitioning from the current health care system in the state to a universal, single payer health care system.