**HB 1310 – As AMENDED**

2016 SESSION

AN ACT establishing a commission to study Health Care for All in New Hampshire .

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COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a Study Commission to assess the benefits and costs of a “Health Care for All” program for New Hampshire

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen*

AN ACT establishing a commission to study the means to provide Health Care for All New Hampshire residents.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

I. There is established a study commission on developing a “Health Care for All” system for the state of New Hampshire

II. Background: Despite dramatic changes in the Federal Health Insurance programs, many residents of New Hampshire remain uninsured or underinsured, and costs continue to soar. The state has an interest in containing the costs of delivering care within the financial means of the stakeholders in our state. Because of the unique demographic, political, and fiscal characteristics of New Hampshire, a program that assures universal access to health care for all individuals residing within the State by combining all funds should be carefully evaluated and considered.

III. Charge to the Study Commission: In order to assess the strengths and challenges of a publically-funded system, the Commission should address the following:

1. How will such a system change the number of citizens who are protected with insurance?
2. What will be the impact on the state budget of a system that funnels all health-care money through a single pipeline?
3. How much money would be saved for employers and state residents by such a publically-funded system?
4. How would a publically-funded system improve targeted health indicators for NH such as cancer deaths and drug-related deaths?
5. Any other issues that would be related to a single pipeline system

IV. The sixteen (16) members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate.

(c) The Insurance Commissioner, or designee.

(d) The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services, or designee.

(e) Two public members who shall represent New Hampshire patients, appointed by the governor.

(f) A representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the Association.

(g) A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the Society.

(h) A representative of the private health insurance industry in NH, appointed by the Speaker.

(i) A representative of New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice, appointed by the Institute

(j) A representative of the BIA, Business and Industry Association, appointed by the Association

(k) A representative of organized labor in NH, appointed by the Speaker

(l) A representative of the New Hampshire chapter of the national organization Physicians for a National Health Program, appointed by the organization

(m) A representative of the NH Council of Churches, appointed by the Council

V. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, except that legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

VI. The commission shall review the costs and benefits of establishing a comprehensive publically-funded program of health insurance to cover all residents of the State of New Hampshire, and recommend appropriate legislation to the General Court.

VII. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. The commission shall make an interim report with its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation on or before November 1, 2016 and a final report on December 1, 2016 to HHS oversight, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library.

Effective Date.

This act will take effect July 1, 2016.