HOUSE BILL 250

AN ACT establishing a committee to consider revisions to the New Hampshire health insurance laws.


COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to consider revisions to the New Hampshire health insurance laws.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in bold italics. Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.] Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

AN ACT establishing a committee to consider revisions to the New Hampshire health insurance laws.

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

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to consider revisions to the New Hampshire health insurance laws.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

3 Duties.

I. The committee shall consider revisions to the New Hampshire health insurance laws. The revisions considered shall focus on changes necessary to minimize market disruptions in the event that the Affordable Care Act is repealed or significantly revised. In addition, the committee shall review the costs and benefits of establishing a comprehensive publicly-funded program of health insurance to cover all residents of New Hampshire. The committee's study shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Proposals to amend RSA 420-G.

(b) Reestablishing the state high risk pool under RSA 404-G and proposals to amend this statute.

(c) How a publicly-funded health insurance program would be financed.

(d) The impact this program would have on the state budget.

(e) The financial impact that such a program would have on employers and state residents.

(f) Reimbursement to primary care providers, hospitals, and other medical providers.

(g) Consideration of whether a global payment system should be implemented.

(h) Incentives for increasing provider participation in a publicly-funded program.

(i) Issues regarding quality of care under such a program.

(j) How a publicly-funded program would improve targeted health indicators for New Hampshire such as cancer deaths and drug-related deaths.

(k) Any other issues the committee deems relevant to its study.
II. The committee may solicit input from any person or entity the committee deems relevant to its study.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2018.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.