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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 175, L.D. 535, Bill, "An Act To Strengthen Health Data Information and Health Planning"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Strengthen Health Planning'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §104, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 469, Pt. B, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 2 MRSA §104, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Appointment; composition. The Advisory Council on Health Systems Development, established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 31-A and referred to in this section as "the council," consists of 11 members appointed as follows, with approval of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters:

A. The Governor shall appoint 4 members as follows:

(1) One individual with expertise in public health care financing;

(2) One individual with expertise in private health care financing;

2 (3) One individual with expertise in health care
3 quality; and

4 (4) One individual with expertise in public health;

6 B. The President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members as
7 follows:

10 (1) One individual with expertise in health care
11 delivery;

12 (2) One individual with expertise in long-term care;
13 and

14 (3) One representative of consumers;

16 C. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 3 members as
17 follows:

18 (1) One individual with expertise in health care
19 delivery;

20 (2) One individual with expertise in mental health; and

21 (3) One representative of consumers; and

22 D. The Commissioner of Human Services shall appoint one
23 representative of the Department of Human Services, Bureau
24 of Health program that works collaboratively with other
25 organizations to improve the health of the citizens of this
26 State.

27 Prior to making appointments to the council, the appointing
28 authorities shall seek nominations from the public, from
29 statewide associations representing hospitals, physicians and
30 consumers and from individuals and organizations with expertise
31 in health care delivery systems, health care financing, health
32 care quality and public health, as appropriate to their
33 appointments.

34 **Sec. 3. Effective date; status of current members.** This Act takes
35 effect September 1, 2004. Any individual who is serving as a
36 member of the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development on
37 September 1, 2004 whose appointment is affected by the provisions
38 of this Act is entitled to complete the term of that member's
39 appointment to the council.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. Instead of creating the new State Health Planning Commission, as in the bill, the amendment changes the appointing authority for appointments to the existing Advisory Council on Health Systems Development, the council established to advise the Governor on the State Health Plan. Under current law, the Governor appoints all 11 members to the council. Under this amendment, appointments are divided so that the Governor appoints 4 members, the President of the Senate appoints 3 members, the Speaker of the House appoints 3 members and the Commissioner of Human Services appoints the representative of the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health. The amendment specifies that the changes in appointing authority will not affect current members of the council; these members are entitled to complete their terms on the council. The amendment also changes the title.