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L.D. 1615

Date: 3-16-16

(Filing No. S-398)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 653, L.D. 1615, "Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Continue the Study of Difficult-to-place Patients"

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Amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 10 in the last line (page 3, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

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Amend the resolve in section 5 by inserting after subsection 10 the following:

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'11. Development of a methodology for collecting data regarding the refusal of long-term care facilities to admit patients with complex medical conditions, as a means to identify barriers to placement; and'

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Amend the resolve in section 5 by renumbering any nonconsecutive subsection numbers to read consecutively.

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Amend the resolve in section 8 in the first line (page 3, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "December 15" and inserting the following: 'November 2'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds to the bill a duty for the Commission To Continue the Study of Difficult-to-place Patients. It requires the commission to develop a methodology for collecting data regarding the refusal of long-term care facilities to admit patients with complex medical conditions, as a means to identify barriers to placement. It changes the date that the report is due from December 15, 2016 to November 2, 2016.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1615

LR 2700(02)

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Continue the Study of Difficult-to-place Patients

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-398)
Committee: Health and Human Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$2,125 in fiscal year 2016-17. The Legislature's budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 for legislative studies. Whether this amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to serve on the Commission created in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Additional costs to the Department of Labor and the State Board of Nursing to provide the required input can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.