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S.B. No. 1904

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation of a select interim committee to undertake
3 a comprehensive review of the provision of public health care
4 services in this state.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. CREATION OF SELECT INTERIM COMMITTEE. (a) A
7 select interim committee is created to study and review statutes
8 and regulations, including model laws and regulations, related to
9 the provision of health care services in this state.

10 (b) The committee shall convene at the call of the presiding
11 officer.

12 (c) The committee has all other powers and duties provided
13 to a special or select committee by the rules of the senate,
14 Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government Code, and policies of the
15 senate committee on administration.

16 SECTION 2. INTERIM STUDY REGARDING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH
17 CARE SERVICES. (a) The committee created by Section 1 of this Act
18 shall study the concept of providing health insurance coverage for
19 acute care and home health care services for Medicaid recipients in
20 the private insurance market through a capitated or block grant
21 funding system and, with respect to a program based on that concept
22 or other similar program:

23 (1) the requirements to obtain any waiver necessary to
24 implement and administer the program;

1 (2) the cost of implementing and administering the
2 program;

3 (3) the feasibility of implementing and administering
4 a cost-sharing and sliding scale subsidy program for the Medicaid
5 recipients served by the program;

6 (4) the implementation and administration of health
7 savings accounts for the Medicaid recipients served by the program;

8 (5) minimum coverage requirements;

9 (6) eligibility requirements, including asset test
10 requirements;

11 (7) options for programs to reinsure participating
12 health benefit plan issuers; and

13 (8) any other issue related to the feasibility,
14 implementation, and administration of the program.

15 (b) The committee created by Section 1 of this Act shall
16 also study:

17 (1) health care models and programs to address health
18 care spending in this state related to the Medicaid program,
19 veterans affairs, hospital districts, charity care, uncompensated
20 care, private pay insurance, self-insurance, and other health care
21 spending;

22 (2) long-term and short-term models and programs with
23 proven cost savings, including cost savings for private health care
24 and other health care systems, criminal justice systems, child
25 welfare systems, and other social and welfare services provided by
26 the federal government or this state; and

27 (3) health care models and programs that promote

1 coordinated collaboration between local and regional communities
2 to serve low-income and indigent individuals by providing
3 wraparound services resulting in cost-sharing, improved outcomes,
4 and a reduction in administrative costs.

5 SECTION 3. TEXAS HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL. (a) The
6 committee established under Section 1 of this Act shall establish
7 the Texas Health Care Advisory Council to advise the committee as
8 requested on issues related to the subject matter under study and
9 review in accordance with this Act.

10 (b) The council authorized by Subsection (a) of this section
11 is composed of a uniform number of individual members who represent
12 the following interests:

- 13 (1) the managed care organization community;
- 14 (2) primary care physicians;
- 15 (3) local mental health authorities;
- 16 (4) hospitals;
- 17 (5) mental health professionals;
- 18 (6) the nursing community;
- 19 (7) health care charity organizations;
- 20 (8) the intellectual and developmental disability
21 community;
- 22 (9) the dental community;
- 23 (10) the law enforcement community; and
- 24 (11) the judicial community.

25 (c) In addition to the members described by Subsection (b)
26 of this section, the Texas Health Care Advisory Council must
27 include a member appointed by the executive commissioner of the

1 Health and Human Services Commission to represent the interests of
2 the commission.

3 SECTION 4. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. (a)
4 Not later than January 15, 2017, the committee shall report the
5 committee's findings and recommendations to the lieutenant
6 governor and the governor. The committee shall include in its
7 recommendations specific statutory and regulatory changes that
8 appear necessary from the results of the committee's study under
9 Section 2 of this Act.

10 (b) Not later than the 60th day after the effective date of
11 this Act, the lieutenant governor shall appoint the members of the
12 committee created under Section 1 of this Act.

13 SECTION 5. ABOLITION OF COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL. The
14 committee and the council are abolished and this Act expires
15 January 20, 2017.

16 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
17 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
18 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
19 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
20 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.