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HOUSE BILL 18-1384

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A STUDY TO IDENTIFY AFFORDABLE, COMPETITIVE
102 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OPTIONS FOR COLORADO.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing and the division of insurance in the department of regulatory agencies (departments) to conduct a study and to prepare and submit a report to certain committees of the general assembly concerning the costs, benefits, and feasibility of implementing a medicaid buy-in option, a public-private partnership option, or a community- or regionally based

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option for health care coverage.

The report must contain a detailed analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of each option and must identify the most feasible option based on objectives and criteria described in the bill.

In conducting the study, the departments shall engage in a stakeholder process that includes public and private health insurance experts, consumers, consumer advocates, providers, and carriers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25.5-1-129 as follows:

25.5-1-129. State department study - medicaid buy-in - health care coverage options - report - legislative declaration - repeal.

(1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(I) ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT COLORADANS LEAD HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES;

(II) IN SEVERAL REGIONS OF THE STATE, HEALTH INSURANCE IS NOT AFFORDABLE DUE TO LIMITED OR NO COMPETITION AMONG INSURANCE CARRIERS, AS WELL AS OTHER MARKETPLACE FACTORS;

(III) SPECIFICALLY, COLORADANS IN FOURTEEN COUNTIES HAVE ACCESS TO ONLY A SINGLE HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIER IN THE COLORADO HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE CREATED IN ARTICLE 22 OF TITLE 10;

(IV) IN SOME AREAS, HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES ARE NOT AFFORDABLE FOR COLORADANS; AND

(V) A MEDICAID BUY-IN OR OTHER HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OPTION THAT INCREASES COMPETITION AND REDUCES THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE BY USING EXISTING STATE HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE MAY INCREASE COMPETITION AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE, AND EFFICIENT HEALTH CARE.

1 (b) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT
2 TASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND
3 THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY
4 AGENCIES WITH STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY AND COST OF IMPLEMENTING
5 VARIOUS HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OPTIONS THAT LEVERAGE EXISTING
6 STATE INFRASTRUCTURE, INCREASE COMPETITION, IMPROVE QUALITY, AND
7 PROVIDE STABLE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE WILL
8 ENABLE POLICYMAKERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE INNOVATIVE
9 HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR
10 COLORADO.

11 (2) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 2019, THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE
13 SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY AND PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE
14 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE; THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN
15 SERVICES AND HEALTH, INSURANCE, AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEES OF
16 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
17 COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, THAT
18 INVESTIGATES AND EVALUATES THE COSTS, BENEFITS, AND FEASIBILITY OF
19 IMPLEMENTING THREE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OPTIONS THAT LEVERAGE
20 EXISTING STATE INFRASTRUCTURE.

21 (3) THE STUDY AND REPORT MUST EVALUATE THREE OPTIONS FOR
22 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE, INCLUDING A MEDICAID BUY-IN OPTION; A
23 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OPTION, SUCH AS THE CHILDREN'S BASIC
24 HEALTH PLAN ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE 8 OF THIS TITLE 25.5; AND A
25 COMMUNITY- OR REGIONALLY BASED COOPERATIVE HEALTH PLAN
26 AFFILIATED WITH A PRIVATE CARRIER. THE REPORT MUST IDENTIFY THE
27 MOST FEASIBLE OPTION BASED ON AFFORDABILITY TO CONSUMERS AT

1 DIFFERENT INCOME LEVELS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL BURDEN TO
2 THE STATE, EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS IN
3 MEETING THE OBJECTIVES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

4 (4) IN COMPLETING THE STUDY AND REPORT, THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE
6 SHALL:

7 (a) CONDUCT ACTUARIAL RESEARCH TO IDENTIFY THE POTENTIAL
8 COST OF PREMIUMS AND COST-SHARING TO PAY CLAIMS IN AN ESSENTIAL
9 HEALTH-BENEFIT-COMPLIANT PLAN, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 10-16-102
10 (22);

11 (b) EVALUATE PROVIDER RATES NECESSARY TO INCENTIVIZE
12 PARTICIPATION AND ENCOURAGE HIGH-QUALITY HEALTH CARE DELIVERY;

13 (c) EVALUATE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUALS TO
14 PARTICIPATE;

15 (d) DETERMINE THE IMPACT, IF ANY, ON THE STATE BUDGET;

16 (e) DETERMINE THE IMPACT ON THE STABILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL
17 MARKET AND THE COLORADO HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE;

18 (f) IDENTIFY THE EXPECTED IMPACT, IF ANY, TO THE COLORADO
19 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLES 4, 5, AND 6 OF
20 THIS TITLE 25.5;

21 (g) IDENTIFY THE EXPECTED IMPACT, IF ANY, TO THE CHILDREN'S
22 BASIC HEALTH PLAN ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE 8 OF THIS TITLE 25.5;

23 (h) INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PILOT
24 PROGRAM FOR THOSE AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE THERE IS LIMITED
25 CONSUMER CHOICE AND PREMIUMS ARE UNAFFORDABLE;

26 (i) INVESTIGATE FUNDING OPTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED
27 TO STATE FUNDS AND FEDERAL FUNDS SECURED THROUGH AVAILABLE

1 WAIVERS; AND

2 (j) EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY, LEGALITY, AND SCOPE OF ANY
3 NECESSARY FEDERAL WAIVERS.

4 (5) IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
5 CARE POLICY AND FINANCING AND THE DIVISION OF INSURANCE SHALL
6 CONSULT WITH THE COLORADO HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE AND SHALL
7 ENGAGE IN A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS THAT INCLUDES PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
8 HEALTH INSURANCE EXPERTS, AS WELL AS CONSUMERS, CONSUMER
9 ADVOCATES, PROVIDERS, AND CARRIERS.

10 (6) THE REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
11 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE DETAILED ANALYSIS THAT
12 WEIGHS THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF EACH OPTION.

13 (7) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
17 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
22 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.