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Sponsors

Representative Primavera
Senator Crowder

Short Title

Sunset Infection Control
Advisory Committee

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which became effective August 10, 2016.

Summary

This bill continues the Infection Control Advisory Committee until September 1, 2021. The bill changed terminology from hospital-acquired infection to health care-associated infection. The composition of the advisory committee was changed to include a representative from a long-term care setting and to include an urban hospital representative and rural hospital representative, rather than representatives from public and private hospitals.

Background

The Infection Control Advisory Committee was established in 2006. The committee is appointed by the executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The committee assists the department with implementing data collection requirements for health facilities about health care-associated infections and helps develop the methodology for releasing and disseminating the data. Health-care associated infections are infections patients develop while receiving medical treatment in a health care facility.

House Action

House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee (February 23, 2016). At the hearing, representatives from the CDPHE and the Colorado Hospital Association testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendments L.003 and L.004, and referred the bill, as

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amended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

Amendment L.003 changed the hospital representative on the advisory committee from a public hospital representative and a private hospital representative to be an urban hospital representative and a rural hospital representative. Amendment L.004:

- changed terminology from hospital-acquired infection to health care-associated infection;
- removed the specific clinical procedures categories from the types of infections on which the Department of Public Health and Environment must collect data;
- added a representative from a long-term care setting to the advisory committee; and
- repealed obsolete reporting provisions.

House second reading (February 29, 2016). The House adopted the House Health, Insurance, and Environment committee report and Amendment No. 2, which clarified that in making its recommendations, the advisory committee should recommend other health-care associated infections to monitor and report. The House passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

House third reading (March 1, 2016). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Health and Human Services Committee (March 9, 2016). At the hearing, a representative from the CDPHE testified in support of the bill, and a representative from the Department of Regulatory Agencies responded to committee questions. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (March 14, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (March 15, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Relevant Research

Department of Regulatory Agencies, *2015 Sunset Review: Commodity Metals Theft Task Force; Council of Higher Education Representatives; Infection Control Advisory Committee; Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee*, October 2015: <http://bit.ly/2cbm8Us>.