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House Bill 4596 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative Paul N. DeWeese

House Committee: Health Policy

Senate Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to create the Statewide Trauma Care Commission in the Department of Consumer and Industry Services (DCIS), and require the Commission to assess and report on the status of trauma cases in the State. The bill would be repealed July 1, 2004.

The Commission would be required to do the following:

- Hold public hearings throughout the State to gather public opinion about the status of trauma care in Michigan. At least one public hearing would have to be held in each of the State's eight health planning areas.
- Obtain information on trauma care systems in other states.
- By July 1, 2002, file with the Governor, the Legislature, the DCIS, and the Emergency Medical Services Coordinating Committee, a report that made recommendations regarding statewide trauma care delivery; the operational and administrative structure of statewide trauma care delivery; the unique needs and constraints of rural Michigan in a statewide trauma care delivery system; fiscally responsible policies for a statewide trauma care system, including recommendations evaluating the costs, benefits, and impacts on public and private third party payers; and the unique needs and constraints of communities located adjacent to Michigan's border and another state in a statewide trauma care delivery system. After the report was filed, it would have to be made available to the public, upon request, at no charge.

The Governor would have to appoint the 17 members of the Commission by January 1, 2001, for terms of two years. The Commission would have to consist of members who represented the public and various health-related professions, as specified in the bill.

The DCIS would have to provide office space and administrative support, including clerical and professional staff for the Commission. The per diem compensation for the members, and a schedule of reimbursement expenses, would have to be as established by the Legislature.

Proposed MCL 333.20917

Legislative Analyst: G. Towne

FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Department, the cost of administering this study and supporting the Commission would be approximately \$150,000 annually. The bill does not include a fund source that would be directed to cover this cost or the cost of the per diem that would be paid to the commissioners.

Date Completed: 12-6-00

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