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HOUSE BILL 1241

AN ACT establishing a commission to assess benefits and costs of a "health care for all"

program for New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. McNamara, Hills. 38; Rep. Knirk, Carr. 3; Rep. Suzanne Smith, Graf. 8

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the benefits and cost of a "health care for all" program for New Hampshire.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

AN ACT

establishing a commission to assess benefits and costs of a "health care for all" program for New Hampshire.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1	1 Statement of Intent. The general court recognizes that despite dramatic changes in the
2	federal health insurance programs, many residents of New Hampshire remain uninsured or
3	underinsured, and costs continue to soar. The general court further recognizes that the state has
4	an interest in containing the costs of delivering care within the financial means of the stakeholders
5	in our state. Because of the unique demographic, political, and fiscal characteristics of New
6	Hampshire, a program that assures universal access to health care for all individuals residing
7	within New Hampshire by combining all funds should be carefully evaluated and considered.
8	Therefore, the general court hereby establishes a commission to assess the benefits and cost of a
9	"health care for all" program in New Hampshire.
10	2 New Subdivision; Commission to Study Developing a "Health Care for All" Program for all
11	Residents of New Hampshire. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 74 the following new
12	subdivision:
13	Commission to Study Developing a "Health Care for All" Program for all
14	Residents of New Hampshire
15	126-A:75 Commission to Study Developing a "Health Care for All" Program for all Residents of
16	New Hampshire.
17	I. There is established a commission to study developing a "health care for all" program for
18	all residents of New Hampshire.
19	(a) The members of the commission shall be as follows:
20	(1) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
21	house of representatives.
22	(2) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
23	(3) The insurance commissioner, or designee.
24	(4) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.
25	(5) Two public members who shall represent New Hampshire patients, appointed by
26	the governor.
27	(6) A representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the
28	association.
29	(7) A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the
30	society.

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- 1 One member representing the private health insurance industry in New 2 Hampshire, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. 3 (9) A representative of the University of New Hampshire Institute for Health 4 Policy and Practice, appointed by the institute. 5 (10) A representative of the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire, 6 appointed by the association. 7 (11) A representative of organized labor, appointed by the speaker of the house of 8 representatives. 9 A representative of the New Hampshire chapter of the Physicians for a 10 National Health Program, appointed by the organization. 11 (13) A representative of the New Hampshire Council of Churches, appointed by the 12 council. 13 (b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate 14 when attending to the duties of the commission. II.(a) The commission shall review the costs and benefits of establishing a comprehensive 15 16 publicly funded program of health insurance to cover all residents of New Hampshire. 17 commission's study shall include, but not be limited to: 18 (1) How such a system would affect the number of citizens who are protected with 19 insurance. 20 (2) The impact on the state budget of a system that funnels all health care money 21through a single pipeline. 22 (3) The amount of money which would be saved for employers and state residents by such a publicly funded system. 2324(4) How a publicly funded system would improve targeted health indicators for New 25Hampshire such as cancer deaths and drug-related deaths. 26 (5) Other issues that would be related to a single pipeline system. 27 (b) The commission may solicit input from any person or entity the commission deems 28relevant to its study. 29 III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. 30 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first 31 meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Nine 32 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. 33 The commission shall make an interim report with its findings and any 34 recommendations for proposed legislation on or before November 1, 2018 and a final report on
 - 3 Repeal. RSA 126-A:75, relative to a commission to study developing a "health care for all" program for all residents of New Hampshire, is repealed.

house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library.

November 1, 2019 to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the

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- 1 4 Effective Date.
- 2 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2019.
- 3 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.