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Senate Bill 15

Introduced by: **Senators** Karr, Larson, Nelson, and Voita and **Representatives** Heinemann, Baxter, Mulder, and Uhre-Balk at the request of the Community Support Providers, State and Federal Efficiencies Interim Committee

1 **An Act to create the Developmental Disability Services Oversight Committee.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 2-6:**

4 There is created the Developmental Disability Services Oversight Committee. The
5 committee shall:

- 6 (1) Examine the medicaid waiver programs, administered by the Department of
7 Human Services, that provide home and community-based services to individuals
8 with intellectual and developmental disabilities;
9 (2) Monitor the implementation of changes to the waiver programs by the Department
10 of Human Services;
11 (3) Hear testimony from the Department of Human Services on the operation of, and
12 changes to, the waiver programs;
13 (4) Seek feedback from individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities,
14 their family members, community support providers, and case management
15 organizations regarding the administration of the waiver programs and the
16 provision of services; and
17 (5) Consider proposed legislation or changes to the waiver programs to improve
18 services, operations, and efficiency.

19 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 2-6:**

20 The Developmental Disability Services Oversight Committee consists of nine
21 members:

- 22 (1) The chairs of the health and human services committees of the House of
23 Representatives and the Senate;

1 (2) The chairs of the appropriations committees of the House of Representatives and
2 the Senate;

3 (3) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
4 House of Representatives;

5 (4) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the president pro tempore of the
6 Senate; and

7 (5) One member of the minority party, appointed by the Executive Board of the
8 Legislative Research Council.

9 Each appointed member shall serve for a term that expires on January first of each
10 odd-numbered year and may be reappointed without limit. If a position becomes vacant,
11 the position must be filled, for the duration of the term, in the same manner as the original
12 appointment.

13 **Section 3. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 2-6:**

14 The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall provide
15 administrative services to the Developmental Disability Services Oversight Committee.

16 At the initial meeting of the committee and annually thereafter, the members shall
17 select one among its members to serve as the chair.

18 The committee shall meet at least one time per year, at the call of the chair.

19 **Section 4. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 2-6:**

20 On or before November first of each year, the Developmental Disability Services
21 Oversight Committee shall provide a report to the Executive Board of the Legislative
22 Research Council. The report must include:

23 (1) A description of the committee's work; and

24 (2) Any recommendations or proposed legislation to improve the services, operations,
25 and efficiency of the medicaid waiver programs operated by the Department of
26 Human Services.