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Senate Bill 15

SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ENGROSSED

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 Service Delivery 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 Service Delivery Committee. The
 5 committee shall:

6 (1) Examine the medicaid waiver programs, administered by the Department of
 7 Human Services, which provide home and community-based services to individuals
 8 with intellectual and developmental disabilities, for the purposes of:

9 (a) Streamlining provider biennial review and accreditation requirements to
 10 reduce administrative burden, improve clarity and consistency, and support
 11 sustainable, individual-centered service delivery; and

12 (b) Assessing roles and responsibilities to ensure that current practice, policy,
 13 and service delivery match system realities;

14 (2) Hear testimony from the Department of Human Services on the operation of, and
 15 changes to, the waiver programs;

16 (3) Seek feedback from individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities,
 17 their family members, community support providers, and case management
 18 organizations regarding services provided under the waiver programs; and

19 (4) Consider proposed legislation or changes to the waiver programs to improve
 20 services and efficiency.

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

22 The Developmental Disability Service Delivery Committee consists of nine
 23 members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 The Executive Board shall appoint one member to serve as chair, and one member
16 to serve as vice-chair.

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

18 The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall provide
19 administrative services to the Developmental Disability Service Delivery Committee.

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

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

22 On or before December thirty-first of each year, the Developmental Disability
23 Service Delivery Committee shall provide a report to the Executive Board of the Legislative
24 Research Council. The report must include:

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

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