

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 448

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 9 down through “times;” in line 10; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 15 down through “response;” in line 17; in line 19, after “Commission;” insert “requiring the Commission to include certain findings in a certain report;”; in line 23, strike “and 13-804” and substitute “13-804, 13-808, and 13-810”; and in line 28, strike “and 13-806 through 13-810” and substitute “13-806, 13-807, and 13-809”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 31 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 31 on page 3 down through line 30 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(1) THE EXTENT AND AMOUNT OF UNCOMPENSATED CARE DELIVERED BY PROVIDERS;

(2) THE RELATIONSHIP OF CHANGES IN WAGES PAID BY PROVIDERS TO CHANGES IN RATES PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT;

(3) THE ABILITY OF PROVIDERS TO OPERATE ON A SOLVENT BASIS IN THE DELIVERY OF EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SERVICES THAT ARE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST;

(4) THE INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES:

(I) INCORPORATED IN THE RATE SETTING METHODOLOGIES

(Over)

UTILIZED AND PROPOSED BY THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION; AND

(II) IN ALTERNATIVE METHODOLOGIES;

(5) MEASURES OF QUALITY AND HOW INCENTIVES TO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE CAN BE BUILT INTO A RATE SETTING METHODOLOGY; AND

(6) THE ADEQUACY OF AND METHODS USED TO DETERMINE THE ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO THE RATES PAID BY THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION.”.

On page 4, in line 31, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “13-808.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in line 15, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “13-809.”; in line 23, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “13-810.”.

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 5 through line 12 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“(I) THE RELATIONSHIP OF CHANGES IN WAGES PAID BY PROVIDERS TO CHANGES IN RATES PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT;

(II) THE ABILITY OF PROVIDERS TO OPERATE ON A SOLVENT BASIS IN THE DELIVERY OF EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SERVICES THAT ARE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST;

(III) THE INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES INCORPORATED IN THE RATE SETTING METHODOLOGIES UTILIZED AND PROPOSED BY THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION AND HOW THE METHODOLOGIES MIGHT BE IMPROVED;

(IV) ALTERNATIVE RATE SETTING METHODOLOGIES THAT MIGHT IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OR EFFECTIVENESS OF THE METHODS OF PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS;

(V) HOW THE QUALITY OF CARE OFFERED BY PROVIDERS CAN BE MEASURED;

(VI) HOW INCENTIVES TO PROVIDE QUALITY OF CARE CAN BE BUILT INTO A RATE SETTING METHODOLOGY; AND

(VII) THE ADEQUACY OF AND METHODS USED TO DETERMINE THE ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO THE RATES PAID BY THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, in lines 13, 15, and 16, strike “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively; in line 18, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “13-811.”; and strike beginning with “(A)” in line 19 down through “(B)” in line 26, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 7, after line 4, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in the report due on or before October 1, 2002 under §13-809 of the Health - General Article, the Commission shall include its findings regarding the extent and amount of uncompensated care delivered by providers.”;

and in line 5, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.