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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1627 (Delegate Barve)
 Health and Government Operations

Task Force to Study the Quality of Health Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs in Maryland

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study the Quality of Health Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs in Maryland, staffed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The bill takes effect October 1, 2006 and terminates September 30, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: DHMH general fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$76,700 in FY 2007 to provide the required reports. Future year estimates reflect ongoing data collection and analysis costs and the bill’s September 30, 2009 termination date.

(in dollars)	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	76,700	149,800	67,900	0	0
Net Effect	(\$76,700)	(\$149,800)	(\$67,900)	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The task force must: (1) identify the number of children and youth with special health care needs in the State and the State services for such children and youth

and any gaps in services, including duplication and fragmentation; (2) study how well the services meet the federal Institute of Medicine's definition of quality health care; (3) study any barriers in the State to the provision of quality health care; (4) study the impact of poor quality health care; (5) investigate models for providing quality health care; (6) study the need for a public awareness campaign on quality health care to encourage appropriate health care delivery; (7) explore methods of financing and implementing a public awareness campaign; (8) study and make recommendations on collaboration between pediatricians, educators, and families for special education; (9) study transition of youths with special health care needs and identify ways to link youths with health and education services in the State; and (10) study the level of State progress made on the children and youth with special health care needs objectives of the Health People 2010.

By September 30 of each year, the task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Current Law: None applicable.

State Fiscal Effect: DHMH general fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$76,656 in fiscal 2007. This estimate includes \$3,000 to reimburse task force members for travel expenses and \$73,656 to contract with an outside vendor to compile the required data, analyze it, and provide the necessary reports. Future year estimates reflect travel expense reimbursement and ongoing data collection and analysis costs.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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