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House Bill 1455 (Delegates Costa and Hubbard)
Health and Government Operations

Finance

Mortality and Quality Review Committee - Reporting Requirements - Sunset
Extension

This bill extends by 10 years (from December 31, 2012, to December 31, 2022) the termination date of the requirements for the Mortality and Quality Review Committee to submit specified reports regarding incidents of injury and quality of care and for the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) to provide the committee with specified data necessary for the reports.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) can continue to use existing resources to handle the bill's reporting requirements.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Chapter 268 of 2006 changed the name of the Mortality Review Committee to the Mortality and Quality Review Committee within DHMH and added duties for the committee. Chapters 48 and 49 of 2009 extended the termination date for reporting requirements from September 30, 2009, to December 31, 2012. The committee consists of 18 members.

Additional duties for the committee include the review of aggregate incident data regarding facilities or programs that are licensed or operated by the Developmental

Disabilities Administration (DDA) or are operating through a waiver. The committee makes recommendations to the Secretary of Disabilities to prevent avoidable injuries and avoidable deaths and improve quality of care in those facilities. OHCQ provides aggregate incident data to the committee every three months. Through the data provided, OHCQ identifies trends that may threaten the health, safety, or well-being of any individual. The committee reviews the data, makes findings and recommendations to the department on system quality assurance needs, and may consult with experts as needed. The committee may issue preliminary findings or recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Secretary of Disabilities, the Director of DDA, the Director of the Mental Hygiene Administration, or the Director of OHCQ.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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