

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 24, 2021

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB21-156 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 4, line 8, strike "PROGRAM;" and substitute
2 "PROGRAM, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT THAT AN APPLICANT INCLUDE A
3 CLEARLY STATED FINANCIAL GOAL OF ANTICIPATED COST SAVINGS IN ITS
4 INITIAL GRANT APPLICATION;"

5 Page 4, strike line 14 and substitute:

6 "(A) OPERATE A PROGRAM FOR NURSE INTAKE OF 911 CALLS OR A
7 SUBSTANTIALLY COMPARABLE 911 TRIAGE SYSTEM THAT COMPLIES WITH
8 THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS THAT THE DIVISION ESTABLISHES PURSUANT
9 TO SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I)(B) OF THIS SECTION OR ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
10 WITH AN ENTITY THAT EMPLOYS OR".

11 Page 4, strike line 18 and substitute "ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTAKE OF
12 911 CALLS THAT".

13 Page 4, after line 20 insert:

14 "(b) BEFORE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO
15 SUBSECTION (3)(a)(II)(A) OF THIS SECTION, A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING
16 POINT MUST:

17 (I) GET DIRECTION REGARDING THE CONTRACT FROM BOTH:

18 (A) THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR IN THE JURISDICTION THAT THE
19 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT SERVES; AND

20 (B) THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE JURISDICTION



1 THAT THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT SERVES; AND
2 (II) SEEK INPUT FROM COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS IN THE
3 JURISDICTION THAT THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT SERVES,
4 INCLUDING:
5 (A) OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITIES SUCH AS THE POLICE;
6 (B) RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE MEMBERS
7 PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AND
8 (C) COMMUNITY HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITY MENTAL
9 HEALTH PROVIDERS, AND OTHER MEDICAL PROVIDERS WHOSE SERVICES
10 MIGHT BE USED AS PART OF THE PILOT GRANT PROGRAM."

11 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

12 Page 5, after line 25 insert:

13 "(5)(a) AS PART OF THE REPORTING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION
14 (4) OF THIS SECTION, THE DIVISION SHALL REQUIRE THAT THE DESIGNATED
15 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS SUBMIT INFORMATION TO THE DIVISION
16 REGARDING:

17 (I) INDIVIDUAL PATIENT SATISFACTION SCORES OBTAINED FROM
18 INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT OTHER THAN THE
19 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE PILOT GRANT PROGRAM AND
20 CLINICAL OUTCOMES FOR THOSE PATIENTS; AND

21 (II) ANNUAL COST SAVINGS TO THE STATE'S HEALTH-CARE SYSTEM
22 THAT RESULT FROM THE PILOT GRANT PROGRAM. TO QUANTIFY AND
23 VERIFY ITS REPORTED ANNUAL COST SAVINGS, A DESIGNATED PUBLIC
24 SAFETY ANSWERING POINT MUST USE PERFORMANCE METRICS THAT ARE
25 BASED ON THE DIVERSION OF CALLS TO THE NURSE INTAKE OF 911 CALLS
26 FOR WHICH ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT OTHER THAN THE EMERGENCY
27 DEPARTMENT WAS OFFERED OR PROVIDED.

28 (b) THE DIVISION SHALL EVALUATE THE NEED FOR CONTINUED
29 FUNDING OF THE PILOT GRANT PROGRAM BASED ON THE PATIENT
30 SATISFACTION SCORES AND THEIR CLINICAL OUTCOMES AND ON ANNUAL
31 COST SAVINGS SUBMITTED."

32 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

33 Page 6, after line 6 insert:

34 "(c) "MEDICAL DIRECTOR" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN
35 SECTION 25-3.5-205 (5)(a)."



- 1 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 2 Page 6, strike lines 8 and 9 and substitute "12-225-104 (11) OR AN
- 3 ADVANCED PRACTICE".
- 4 Page 6, line 17, before "FACILITY" insert "PUBLICLY FUNDED".

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