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Resolve, Directing the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability To Perform a Performance Evaluation and Cost-benefit Analysis of the Dirigo Health Program

Sec. 1 Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to perform a performance evaluation and cost-benefit analysis of Dirigo Health Program. Resolved: That the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability shall perform a performance evaluation and cost-benefit analysis of the Dirigo Health Program, referred to in this resolve as "the program," including the cost of privatizing the program; and be it further

Sec. 2 Scope of evaluation. Resolved: That the scope of the evaluation and analysis must be from the inception of the program to the present and include:

1. A line-item survey of:
 - A. The original legislative document;
 - B. All amendments;
 - C. All policies developed and implemented; and
 - D. All rulemaking;
2. All expenses including:
 - A. Office space, including supplies and furnishings;
 - B. All staffing, including personnel on loan from another state agency;
 - C. All salaries and benefits;
 - D. All personnel expenses including travel;
 - E. All incentives;
 - F. All providers of studies and services to the program; and
 - G. All legal expenses;
3. An estimate of the cost of providing coverage to the 2,600 to 2,800 previously uninsured single persons, married couples and unmarried couples with children;
4. An estimate of the state funds that would be saved by privatizing the program;
5. The cost of insurance providers from outside the State;
6. Whether a policyholder should be responsible for the policyholder's own interaction with a provider; and
7. Copayments; and be it further

Sec. 3 Report. Resolved: That the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including

suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 2, 2009. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit legislation related to this report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature at the time of submission of the report.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to conduct a performance evaluation and cost-benefit analysis of the Dirigo Health Program from its inception to the present, including studying all legislation, policies, rulemaking, expenses, estimates of the cost of covering the uninsured and of privatizing the program, costs of insurance providers from out of the State, interactions of policyholders with providers and copayments. This resolve requires a report to be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 2, 2009.