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2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 692

March 13, 2012 - Introduced by Representatives KAPENGA, NYGREN, WYNN, THIESFELDT, CRAIG, PETERSEN and SPANBAUER, cosponsored by Senator VUKMIR. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 601.423 (2), 601.423 (3) (a) (intro.) and 601.423 (3) (b) (intro.);
2 **and to create** 13.0966 of the statutes; **relating to:** social and financial impact
3 reports.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law defines a health insurance mandate as a statute that requires an insurance policy to do any of four things: 1) permit a person to obtain treatment or services from a particular type of health care provider; 2) provide coverage for the treatment of a particular disease or condition; 3) provide coverage of a particular type of health care treatment or service, including particular drugs, supplies, or equipment; and 4) provide coverage for a particular type of person based on the person's relationship to the insured. Current law requires that, if any bill contains a health insurance mandate affecting an insurance policy, plan, or contract, the Commissioner of Insurance (commissioner) must submit to the presiding officer of the house in which the bill is introduced a report on the social and financial impact of the mandate. Current law provides that the presiding officer may require that the report be printed and distributed as are amendments, but current law does not specify a time by which the report must be submitted.

This bill requires that the commissioner submit a report if any amendment, as well as any bill, contains a health insurance mandate. The commissioner may, however, decide not to prepare a report and submit a written statement that explains the reason for not preparing a report. In that case, the chairperson of a committee to which the bill has been referred, the presiding officer of either house, or any other

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member of the legislature may request that the commissioner submit a report instead. The report or statement is printed as an appendix to the bill or amendment and distributed to the members of the legislature, and made available to the public, before any public hearing is held on the bill or amendment by a committee or before any vote is taken on the bill or amendment by either house of the legislature.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 13.0966 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **13.0966 Review of bills or amendments establishing health insurance**
3 **mandates. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

4 (a) “Bill,” except as otherwise provided, includes an amendment.

5 (b) “Office” means the office of the commissioner of insurance.

6 **(2) REPORT ON BILLS ESTABLISHING HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES.** (a) Any bill that
7 requires a report by the office under s. 601.423 shall have that requirement noted on
8 its jacket when the jacket is prepared.

9 (b) When a bill that requires a report under s. 601.423 is introduced, the
10 legislative reference bureau shall submit a copy of the bill to the office. The office
11 shall prepare the report or, if the office decides not to prepare the report, a written
12 statement that explains the reason for not preparing the report. If the office prepares
13 a written statement, the chairperson of a standing committee to which the bill has
14 been referred, the presiding officer of either house of the legislature, either
15 cochairperson of the joint committee on finance, or any other member of the
16 legislature may request that the office prepare a report instead, in which case the
17 office shall prepare a report.

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1 (c) 1. The report or written statement prepared under this section shall be
2 printed as an appendix to the bill and shall be distributed in the same manner as
3 amendments.

4 2. The report or written statement shall be distributed, and made available to
5 the public, before any vote is taken on the bill by either house of the legislature if the
6 bill is not referred to a standing committee, or before any public hearing is held before
7 any standing committee or, if no public hearing is held, before any vote is taken by
8 the committee.

9 **SECTION 2.** 601.423 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 601.423 (2) PREPARATION OF REPORT. The commissioner shall, in the manner
11 provided under s. 13.0966, submit a report on the social and financial impact of any
12 health insurance mandate, contained in any bill or amendment affecting an
13 insurance policy, plan, or contract, or a written statement explaining the reason for
14 not preparing the report, to the presiding officer of that house of the legislature in
15 which the bill or amendment is introduced. ~~At the discretion of the presiding officer,~~
16 ~~any such report may be printed and distributed as are amendments.~~

17 **SECTION 3.** 601.423 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 601.423 (3) (a) *Social impact factors.* (intro.) Any report prepared under sub.
19 (2) shall assess to the extent possible all of the following social impact factors ~~which~~
20 that are relevant to the type of health insurance mandate created, expanded, or
21 continued by the bill or amendment:

22 **SECTION 4.** 601.423 (3) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 601.423 (3) (b) *Financial impact factors.* (intro.) Any report prepared under
24 sub. (2) shall assess to the extent possible all of the following financial impact factors

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1 ~~which~~ that are relevant to the type of health insurance mandate created, expanded,
2 or continued by the bill or amendment:

3 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) NOTATION ON JACKET THAT REPORT REQUIRED. The treatment of section 13.0966
5 (2) (a) of the statutes first applies to bills and amendments that are jacketed on the
6 effective date of this subsection.

7 (2) PROCEDURE FOR REPORT PREPARATION. The treatment of sections 13.0966 (2)
8 (b) and (c) and 601.423 (2) and (3) (a) (intro.) and (b) (intro.) of the statutes first
9 applies to bills and amendments that are introduced on the effective date of this
10 subsection.

11 (END)