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SENATE BILL 1538

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Mental health care study committee; membership;
3 duties; reports

4 A. The mental health care study committee is established consisting of
5 the following members or their designees who have knowledge of or experience
6 in mental, physical, emotional and pediatric health and other related issues:

7 1. Three members of the senate, not more than two of whom represent
8 the same political party. The president of the senate shall appoint the
9 members and designate one of the members as the co-chairperson.

10 2. Three members of the house of representatives, not more than two of
11 whom represent the same political party. The speaker of the house of
12 representatives shall appoint the members and designate one of the members as
13 the co-chairperson.

14 3. An administrator of the court that is knowledgeable in court
15 appointments for psychologists and psychiatrists appointed by the chief
16 justice of the supreme court.

17 4. The following members appointed by the allopathic board of medical
18 examiners who are licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, Arizona Revised
19 Statutes:

20 (a) One member who is knowledgeable in children's mental health
21 issues.

22 (b) One member who is knowledgeable in pediatric allergies.

23 5. The following members appointed by the board of osteopathic
24 examiners in medicine and surgery who are licensed pursuant to title 32,
25 chapter 17, Arizona Revised Statutes:

26 (a) One member who is knowledgeable in children's mental health
27 issues.

28 (b) One member who is knowledgeable in pediatric allergies.

29 6. One pharmacist who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 18,
30 Arizona Revised Statutes, and who is appointed by the board of pharmacy.

31 7. Two licensed psychologists who are licensed pursuant to title 32,
32 chapter 19.1, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who are appointed by the board of
33 psychologist examiners.

34 8. One certified social worker or counselor who is licensed pursuant
35 to title 32, chapter 33, Arizona Revised Statutes, who is knowledgeable in
36 child mental health issues and who is appointed by the board of behavioral
37 health examiners.

38 9. A representative of the division of behavioral health in the
39 department of health services appointed by the governor.

40 10. The following members appointed by the president of the senate:

41 (a) One psychiatrist or psychologist.

42 (b) One environmental medicine specialist or nutritionist.

43 (c) Two parents.

44 11. The following members appointed by the speaker of the house of
45 representatives:

- 1 (a) One psychiatrist or psychologist.
2 (b) One environmental medicine specialist or nutritionist.
3 (c) Two parents.
4 12. The governor shall appoint two parents.
5 13. One health insurance industry representative who is knowledgeable
6 in mental health claims payment and who is appointed by the governor.
7 B. The committee shall:
8 1. Review the use of psychiatric medications in the treatment of
9 children.
10 2. Review the current use of treatments or therapies on children in
11 Arizona.
12 3. Review the regulatory actions of all state boards that oversee
13 mental health practices.
14 4. Recommend a plan for the department of health services to review
15 the use of public monies for behavioral health treatments in Arizona that are
16 not scientifically substantiated. The committee, the boards that regulate
17 mental health practices and the department shall determine whether the
18 treatment or therapy being reviewed has been substantiated by a valid and
19 reliable scientific study based on scientific journal citations. As used in
20 this paragraph:
21 (a) "Reliable" means application of the study produces consistent
22 results.
23 (b) "Valid" means the study supports what it purports to show.
24 5. Submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
25 governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of
26 representatives and the chief justice of the supreme court before July 1 of
27 2001 and 2002. The committee shall provide a copy of this report to the
28 secretary of state and the director of the department of library, archives
29 and public records.
30 C. The committee shall meet no less than four times per year.
31 D. Members of the committee are not eligible to receive compensation,
32 but public members are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to
33 title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.
34 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal
35 This act is repealed from and after December 31, 2002.