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SB 1711

Introduced by
Senator Gowan

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE OBESITY TREATMENT STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Obesity treatment study committee; membership;
3 duties; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The obesity treatment study committee is established to study
5 the cost, effectiveness and value of extending coverage under this state's
6 medicaid program to include comprehensive treatment for people living with
7 obesity. The study committee consists of the following members:

8 1. Two members of the senate who are from different political
9 parties and who are appointed by the president of the senate. The
10 president of the senate shall designate one of these members to serve as
11 cochairperson of the study committee.

12 2. Two members of the house of representatives who are from
13 different political parties and who are appointed by the speaker of the
14 house of representatives. The speaker of the house of representatives
15 shall designate one of these members to serve as cochairperson of the
16 study committee.

17 3. The director of the Arizona health care cost containment system
18 or the director's designee.

19 4. The director of the department of health services or the
20 director's designee.

21 5. Two members who represent patient advocacy organizations with
22 expertise in treating people living with obesity and who are appointed by
23 the president of the senate.

24 6. Two members who represent medical societies or physician
25 organizations or who are physicians with experience treating people living
26 with obesity and who are appointed by the speaker of the house of
27 representatives.

28 7. The director of the joint legislative budget committee or the
29 director's designee.

30 B. The study committee shall meet at the call of the
31 cochairpersons.

32 C. Members of the study committee are not eligible to receive
33 compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to
34 title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

35 D. The study committee shall:

36 1. Conduct a comprehensive study to determine the cost,
37 effectiveness and value of extending coverage under the Arizona health
38 care cost containment system to include comprehensive treatment for people
39 living with obesity.

40 2. Identify any additional resources or policy initiatives that
41 would enhance public health and reduce costs associated with treating
42 people living with obesity.

43 3. Review current policies and practices and propose revisions to
44 the Arizona health care cost containment system to improve outcomes for
45 people living with obesity.

1 E. On or before December 31, 2025, the obesity treatment study
2 committee shall submit a report regarding the study committee's
3 activities, findings and recommendations for administrative or legislative
4 action to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the
5 house of representatives and shall provide a copy of this report to the
6 secretary of state.

7 F. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2026.