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substance use disorder treatment; committee

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# SENATE BILL 1814

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT STANDARDS AND OVERSIGHT  
STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Substance use disorder treatment standards and  
3 oversight study committee; membership; duties;  
4 report; delayed repeal

5 A. The substance use disorder treatment standards and oversight  
6 study committee is established consisting of the following members:

7 1. Two members of the senate who are from different political  
8 parties and who are appointed by the president of the senate. The  
9 president of the senate shall designate one of these members to serve as  
10 cochairperson of the study committee. One member shall be the chairperson  
11 of the senate health and human services committee, or its successor  
12 committee.

13 2. Two members of the house of representatives who are from  
14 different political parties and who are appointed by the speaker of the  
15 house of representatives. The speaker of the house of representatives  
16 shall designate one of these members to serve as cochairperson of the  
17 study committee. One member shall be the chairperson of the house of  
18 representatives health and human services committee, or its successor  
19 committee.

20 3. The governor or the governor's designee.

21 4. The director of the Arizona health care cost containment system  
22 or the director's designee.

23 5. The director of the department of health services or the  
24 director's designee.

25 6. The attorney general or the attorney general's designee.

26 7. Two members who are licensed clinical behavioral health  
27 specialists, one of whom practices in a county with a population of less  
28 than five hundred thousand persons, and who are appointed by the president  
29 of the senate.

30 8. Two physicians who are board-certified in either addiction  
31 medicine or addiction psychiatry, one of whom practices in a county with a  
32 population of less than five hundred thousand persons, and who provide  
33 medical care to individuals with substance use disorder and who are  
34 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

35 9. One member who represents leadership from a medical society or a  
36 physician organization that specializes in treating substance use disorder  
37 and who is appointed by the president of the senate.

38 10. One member with substance use disorder who has direct  
39 experience with navigating treatment for substance use disorder in this  
40 state, who lives in a county with a population of less than five hundred  
41 thousand persons and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of  
42 representatives.

1           11. One member who represents a membership-based advocacy  
2 organization that represents health care providers who specialize in  
3 substance use disorder treatment and who is appointed by the president of  
4 the senate.

5           12. One member who represents a behavioral health accrediting  
6 organization and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of  
7 representatives.

8           13. One peer recovery support specialist who is appointed by the  
9 speaker of the house of representatives.

10          14. The director of the joint legislative budget committee or the  
11 director's designee.

12          B. The study committee shall meet at the call of the  
13 cochairpersons.

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

17          D. The study committee shall:

18           1. Conduct a comprehensive survey and research study to assess the  
19 availability, capacity and geographic distribution of licensed and  
20 unlicensed programs that offer substance use disorder specialty care in  
21 this state and evaluate the economic impact, effectiveness and value of  
22 implementing statewide minimum standards for evidence-based care.

23           2. Identify gaps in access to and implementation of evidence-based  
24 biopsychosocial treatments, workforce capacity needs and resources  
25 necessary to support high-quality care delivery across urban and rural  
26 settings, including medically supported withdrawal services, medications  
27 for opioid use disorder, licensed clinical providers, care coordination  
28 and recovery supports.

29           3. Review state laws, rules and oversight structures governing  
30 substance use disorder treatment programs, identify regulatory loopholes  
31 that allow unlicensed or nonstandard programs to operate without  
32 sufficient clinical oversight and processes that enable fraud, waste and  
33 abuse, and recommend statutory and administrative changes to close these  
34 gaps and align oversight systems.

35           4. Establish minimum clinical quality standards, staff scope of  
36 practice expectations, safety and outcome reporting requirements and  
37 public transparency mechanisms to ensure accountability, protect patients  
38 and provide families and referring providers with clear information to  
39 support treatment decision-making.

40           5. Investigate funding needs, reimbursement structures and licensed  
41 workforce models required to implement these reforms, including strategies  
42 to build and sustain a professional clinical workforce capable of meeting  
43 statewide treatment demand and ensuring timely access to evidence-based  
44 care.

1           E. On or before December 31, 2027, the substance use disorder  
2 treatment standards and oversight study committee shall submit a report  
3 regarding the committee's activities, findings and recommendations,  
4 including proposed statutory and regulatory changes, funding  
5 considerations and implementation timelines, to the governor, the  
6 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives  
7 and shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

8           F. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2028.