



BILL SUMMARY

IDPH Omnibus Bill HF 393

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Committee: Human Resources (passed Committee 20-0)
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Summary

House File 393 is an omnibus bill from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH). There are seven divisions to the bill.

Division I – Program Flexibility and Efficiencies

The bill allows IDPH use excess funding for substance abuse grants for counties to be used for activities and public information resources, which align with best practices for substance related disorder prevention.

In addition, the bill eliminates reporting requirements regarding applying for or renewing certain federal grants that include a state match or maintenance of effort, as well as modifying reporting requirements relating to the operation of the gambling treatment program.

Division II – Medical Home and Patient-Centered Health Advisory Council

The bill eliminates code sections relating to Medical Home and incorporates the definitions into another code section. The Medical Home System Advisory Council is replaced with the Patient Centered Health Advisory Council by adding additional health care providers to the Council by modifying the charge to better align with current practice and their scope of work. Specifically, the Council must review the current level of public awareness regarding and the availability of palliative care services in Iowa is required to submit a report, including recommendations, to the Governor and the Iowa Legislature by December 31, 2017.

Division III – Workforce Programming

The bill strikes outdated code language related to the Primary Care Provider Recruitment and Retention Endeavor (PRIMECARRE) Program community scholarship program, which was never implemented. However, the Primary Care Loan Repayment Program and the Community Grant Program are retained and renamed the Health Care Workforce and Community Support Grant Program. In addition new language is added related to the application process and the targeting of rural, underserved populations.

The bill updates the membership of the Rural Health and Primary Care Advisory Committee and other code clean-up changes.

Chapter 135.164 (Strategic Plan for the Health and Long-Term Care Access Advisory Council) and Chapter 135.180 (Mental Health Professional Shortage Area Program) are repealed from the Iowa Code due to being the remaining duties of the now defunct Health and Long-Term Care Access Advisory Council.

Division IV – Removal of Unfunded and Outdated Programs

Removes the following chapters from the Iowa Code due to them never being implemented or no longer needed:

- Chapter 135.11(25) – Establish and administer a substance abuse treatment facility
- 135.141(2)(c) - Conduct and maintain a statewide risk assessment of any present or potential danger to the public health from biological agents
- 135.26 – Automated External Defibrillator Grant Program
- 135.29 – Local Substitute Medical Decision-Making Board
- 135.130 – Substance Abuse Treatment Facility for Persons on Probation
- 135.152 – Statewide Obstetrical and Newborn Indigent Patient Care Program

Division V – Miscellaneous Provisions

Amends the definition of “local board of health” to the one already established in Chapter 137.102. In addition, the bill eliminates the Interagency Pharmaceutical Bulk Purchasing Council, which was established in 2003 but was never convened.

Division VI – Iowa Health Information Network

The bill strikes a duty of the Iowa Health Information Network due to the elimination of the corresponding councils once the Iowa Health Information Network is transferred to a private entity.

Division VII – Organized Delivery Systems

The bill repeals all references in the Iowa Code and Acts to organized delivery systems, since they are no longer needed.