

Amendment to HB 1695-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT establishing a commission to study uncompensated care.
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 New Section; Commission to Study Uncompensated Care. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting
8 after section 5-e the following new section:

9 126-A:5-f Commission to Study Uncompensated Care.

10 I. There is hereby established a commission to study uncompensated care.

11 (a) The members of the commission shall be as follows:

12 (1) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

13 (2) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
14 house of representatives.

15 (3) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

16 (4) The commissioner of the department of insurance, or designee.

17 (5) A representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the
18 association.

19 (6) A representative of a health insurance carrier which sells policies in New
20 Hampshire, appointed by the president of the senate.

21 (7) A representative of a self-funded plan governed by federal ERISA regulations
22 which operates in New Hampshire, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

23 (8) Three accountants or financial specialists that have experience in hospital
24 finances, but who are not currently employed by a New Hampshire hospital, one of whom shall be
25 appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate, and one
26 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

27 (b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
28 when attending to the duties of the commission.

29 II.(a) The commission shall study uncompensated care. Specifically the commission's study
30 shall include, but not be limited to, reviewing the drivers of uncompensated care and its constituent
31 parts, and how each piece is computed on a statewide basis and on a hospital basis.

32 (b) The commission shall solicit information from any person or entity the commission

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1 deems relevant to its study.

2 III. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
3 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the senate member. The first meeting of the
4 commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Six members of the
5 commission shall constitute a quorum.

6 IV. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
7 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
8 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2017.

9 2 Repeal. RSA 126-A:5-f, relative to the commission to study uncompensated care, is repealed.

10 3 Effective Date.

11 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2017.

12 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study uncompensated care.