

Amendment to HB 1626-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Report Required. The governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, in
4 conjunction with the commissioner of the department of health and human services, shall issue a
5 report on or before January 1, 2019, inventorying all alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment,
6 and recovery programs funded in whole or in part by the commission. The report shall be delivered
7 to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the chairpersons of the
8 house and senate committee having jurisdiction over health and human services issues, the
9 members of the house and senate finance committees, and the fiscal committee of the general court.
10 The report shall include, but not be limited to, program description, intended outcome, target
11 participant population, oversight agency, annual budget, average cost per participant, and an
12 assessment of the evidence of effectiveness for intended outcome. For the purposes of this section:

13 I. "Program" means a set of systematic activities that engage participants in order to
14 achieve desired outcomes.

15 II. "Outcome" means the program effects in the participant population and shall exclude
16 outputs.

17 III. "Evidence of effectiveness" means documented results of evaluation assessing the effect
18 of the program on the intended outcome for program participants, or program beneficiaries in the
19 case of prevention programs. This may include results of program evaluation conducted in the
20 jurisdiction or an evidence rating developed by matching the program to available research using a
21 nationally recognized clearinghouse of program evaluations, such as those included in the Pew-
22 MacArthur Results First Clearinghouse Database.

23 2 New Section; Report on Cost-Effectiveness and Outcomes of Programs Required. Amend RSA
24 12-J by inserting after section 4 the following new section:

25 12-J:5 Report on Cost-Effectiveness and Outcomes of Programs Required.

26 I. Commencing January 1, 2020 and annually thereafter, the commission shall issue a
27 report reflecting currently funded programs and including findings relative to the cost-effectiveness,
28 outcomes, and evidence of effectiveness of programs funded in whole or in part by the commission.
29 Programs selected for inclusion shall be chosen by majority vote of the commission, provided that
30 the following criteria are met:

31 (a) Each report shall contain an evaluation of 4 programs selected from one of the
32 following categories; provided that in year one all 4 categories shall be from treatment programs,

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1 and in year 2 all 4 categories shall be from prevention programs and this procedure shall continue
2 thereafter on such a rotating basis:

3 (1) Treatment programs.

4 (2) Prevention programs.

5 (b) The programs selected shall be chosen from among the 10 highest dollar value
6 programs in that category.

7 (c) No law enforcement programs shall be selected.

8 II. The report required under paragraph I shall utilize a cost-effectiveness analysis in such
9 a format to permit comparisons between the selected programs within a given category. The report
10 shall be submitted to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the
11 members of the house and senate committee having jurisdiction over health and human services
12 issues, the members of the house and senate finance committees, and the fiscal committee of the
13 general court. For the purposes of this paragraph:

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15 achieve desired outcomes.

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20 the case of prevention programs. This may include results of program evaluation conducted in the
21 jurisdiction or an evidence rating developed by matching the program to available research using a
22 nationally recognized clearinghouse of program evaluations, such as those included in the Pew-
23 MacArthur Results First Clearinghouse Database.

24 (d) "Cost-effectiveness analysis" means an economic evaluation in which the costs and
25 consequences of alternative interventions are expressed as cost per unit of outcome.

26 3 Appointment of Subcommittee. Following submission of the initial report required under
27 section 2 of this act, the chairperson of the house finance committee shall appoint a subcommittee to
28 evaluate the usefulness of the information contained in the report. If the subcommittee determines
29 that changes are needed to the structure, timing, or methodology of future reports, it shall
30 recommend changes to the governor's commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment,
31 and recovery and, if necessary, recommend legislation for the 2021 legislative session incorporating
32 such changes into state law.

33 4 Funding. The department of health and human services shall utilize up to \$300,000 from its
34 existing appropriations in the biennium ending June 30, 2019 for the purposes of this act.

35 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.