



Bill Number: H.B. 2491

Barto Floor Amendment

Reference to: House engrossed bill

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FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION

Establishes an advisory committee within the Department of Health Services to study the financing and availability of vaccines for newborns, children and adolescents.

Requires the committee to develop recommendations as outlined and report findings to the Governor and Legislature by December 15, 2014.

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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2491

(Reference to House engrossed bill)

1 Page 3, after line 7, insert:

2 “Sec. 3. Department of health services: vaccine financing and
3 availability advisory committee; report

4 A. The department of health services shall establish a vaccine
5 financing and availability advisory committee to study the financing and
6 availability of vaccines for newborns, children and adolescents.

7 B. The director of the department of health services shall serve as
8 chairperson of the committee and shall appoint the following members:

9 1. Two members who are representatives of different health care
10 insurers that are licensed pursuant to title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes,
11 and that offer products in the commercial market that include coverage for
12 newborn, childhood and adolescent vaccines.

13 2. Three health professionals who are licensed pursuant to title 32,
14 Arizona Revised Statutes, whose current practice includes administering
15 newborn or childhood and adolescent vaccines as follows:

16 (a) A physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or
17 Arizona Revised Statutes and who specializes in pediatrics.

18 (b) A physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or
19 Arizona Revised Statutes and who specializes in family medicine.

20 (c) A nurse practitioner who is licensed and certified pursuant to
21 title 32, chapter 15, Arizona Revised Statutes.

22 3. Two directors of local health departments one of whom shall be from
23 a county having a population of at least three million persons.

24 4. One member who is a representative of an Arizona nonprofit statewide
25 coalition whose mission is to foster a comprehensive, sustained community
26 program for the immunization of residents of this state against vaccine-
27 preventable diseases.

1 5. One member who is a representative of a vaccine manufacturer or a
2 national association of vaccine manufacturers and who has experience in
3 vaccine policy.

4 6. One member who is a representative of a statewide association of
5 pharmacists.

6 7. One member who is a representative of an Arizona company that is
7 not a health care insurer or a self-insured employer and that offers its
8 employees a health insurance product in the commercial market that includes
9 coverage for newborn, childhood and adolescent vaccines.

10 C. The directors of the Arizona health care cost containment system
11 administration and the department of insurance, or their designees, shall
12 serve as nonvoting members of the committee.

13 D. Committee members are not eligible to receive compensation or
14 reimbursement of expenses.

15 E. The Committee shall develop recommendations regarding the following
16 and submit a written report of its findings on or before December 15, 2014,
17 to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
18 representatives and shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of
19 state:

20 1. The existing system of the financing, storage, distribution and
21 availability of newborn, childhood and adolescent vaccine products and the
22 potential impacts on the health care system, taxpayers and the community at
23 large.

24 2. The costs associated with, and the adequacy of reimbursement levels
25 for newborn, childhood and adolescent vaccines administered by private and
26 public providers in all counties in this state.

27 3. The vaccine financing, storage, distribution and reimbursement
28 models utilized in other states.

29 F. To the extent possible, the committee shall include and consider any
30 estimated costs or cost savings to state and local governments associated
31 with the committee's recommendations.

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1 G. The committee may:

2 1. Request information, data and reports from any state agency,
3 political subdivision or other persons or businesses involved in the public
4 or private financing or administration of newborn, childhood or adolescent
5 vaccines.

6 2. Hold hearings and take testimony from affected persons, including
7 members of the public.

8 H. The committee shall maintain documents in a manner that preserves
9 the confidentiality of confidential business information that may be
10 disclosed to the committee during the course of its business.

11 I. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2015."

12 Amend title to conform

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