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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2019 Assembly Bill 858

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2

ASSEMBLY BILL 858

Subject to approval by the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) under its passive review process, Assembly Bill 858 requires the Department of Administration (DOA) to issue a request for proposals to establish and maintain an opioid and methamphetamine data system to collect, format, analyze, and disseminate certain information relating to opioid and methamphetamine use (the data system).

The bill also requires DOA to administer the contract with the vendor and to collaborate and collect data from the Department of Health Services, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Justice, the Department of Safety and Professional Services, and the Department of Children and Families for the data system. Those same collaborating agencies may submit to the JCF suggestions of opioid- or methamphetamine-related information to collect, analyze, and disseminate in addition to the information specified in the bill.

The bill provides that DOA must have access to the data contained in the data system. The bill also requires the data system to allow the state agencies that submit data access to the data as appropriate for the agency to fulfill its functions and as allowed by state and federal confidentiality laws. Furthermore, the bill requires DOA to work with the vendor to disseminate information and advanced analytics from the data system in as close to real time as possible. Under the bill, DOA must submit an annual report to JCF, beginning on January 31, 2022.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 changes the appropriation made in the bill. The bill creates a one-time increase for fiscal year 2020-21 of \$1.5 million to DOA's general program operations appropriation, which is an annual appropriation. Instead, Assembly Amendment 1 deletes this provision and creates a new continuing appropriation of \$1.5 million for fiscal year 2019-20 for implementing the data system in the bill.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Among the information that the bill requires the data system to collect, format, analyze, and disseminate, are records of hospitals diverting patients to other facilities to address opioid use or overdose or methamphetamine use or overdose. Assembly Amendment 2 eliminates the requirement that the data system collect, format, analyze, and disseminate this information.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Plumer introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on February 7, 2020 and Assembly Amendment 2 on February 18, 2020.

The Assembly Committee on Substance Abuse and Prevention voted on February 12, 2020, to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

The Joint Committee on Finance voted on February 12, 2020, to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 16; Noes, 0.

The Assembly voted on February 18, 2020, to adopt Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 and to pass the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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