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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Senate Bill 49 requires the Department of Administration (DOA) to issue a request for proposals, subject to approval by the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) under its passive review process, to establish and maintain an opioid and methamphetamine data system (data system) to collect, format, analyze, and disseminate information on opioid and methamphetamine use as specified in the bill.

The bill requires that DOA administer a contract with a vendor to operate the data system. DOA must have access to the data contained in the data system, and must work with the vendor to disseminate information and advanced analytics from the data system in as close to real time as possible.

The bill also requires that DOA must collaborate with and collect data from the Department of Health Services (DHS), the Department of Corrections, the Department of Justice, the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS), and the Department of Children and Families and any other applicable agencies for the data system. The data system must allow the state agencies that submit data access to the data system as appropriate for the agency to fulfill its functions and as allowed by state and federal confidentiality laws.

The bill also requires DOA to submit a report to JCF summarizing the information from the opioid and methamphetamine data system and analyzing trends in that information across years of data collection.

The bill appropriates \$1.5 million to DOA in fiscal year 2021-22 to implement the data system.

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The amendment deletes the appropriation account created in the bill to implement the data system, and instead modifies both the manner in which the data system is financed and the requirements that DOA must follow before submitting its proposed request for proposals to JCF for passive review.

Specifically, the amendment requires that, before issuing the request for proposals, DOA must collaborate with DHS and DSPS and must then submit to JCF the proposed request for proposals and a request to supplement in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 any appropriation of one of the departments. The supplementation may be expended to finance the cost of the data system regardless of the specified purpose of any such appropriation.

The amendment contains a very similar passive review process to the bill, whereby the supplemental request submitted by DOA, DHS, and DSPS is considered approved if JCF does not notify the departments within 14 working days after submission that the committee has scheduled a meeting on the submission. If a meeting is scheduled, DOA may issue the proposed request for proposals and receive the supplementation only upon approval by the committee.

The amendment also modifies the date by which DOA must submit a report to JCF summarizing the information from the opioid and methamphetamine data system and analyzing trends in that information across years of data collection from January 31, 2022 to January 31, 2024.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Testin introduced Senate Amendment 2 on February 8, 2022. On February 15, 2022, the Joint Committee on Finance recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 1.

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