

SENATE BILL NO. 2130

Introduced by

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Representatives Keiser, Meier, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-28 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to a cost-benefit analysis for mandated health insurance coverage measures.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-03-28. Health insurance mandated coverage of services - Cost-benefit analysis**
7 **requirement.**

8 1. ~~Alf the legislative management determines a legislative measure mandatingmandates~~
9 ~~health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers of services,~~
10 ~~the measure~~ may not be acted on by any committee of the legislative assembly unless
11 ~~the measure is accompanied by a cost benefit analysis provided by the legislative~~
12 ~~council;referred to a committee of the legislative assembly unless a cost-benefit~~
13 ~~analysis provided by the legislative management is appended to that measure.~~

14 a. ~~If a committee of the legislative assembly determines a measure mandating~~
15 ~~health insurance coverage of services or payment of specified providers was~~
16 ~~referred to committee without a cost-benefit analysis, the committee shall request~~
17 ~~the legislative management provide a cost-benefit analysis. The committee may~~
18 ~~not act on the measure unless the measure is accompanied by the cost-benefit~~
19 ~~analysis.~~

20 b. ~~If a committee of the legislative assembly determines a proposed amendment to~~
21 ~~a measure mandates health insurance coverage of services or payment of~~
22 ~~specified providers, the committee may not act on the proposed amendment~~
23 ~~unless the amendment is accompanied by a cost-benefit analysis or amended~~
24 ~~cost-benefit analysis provided by the legislative management.~~

- 1 2. Factors ~~to consider in this~~ considered in the cost-benefit analysis must include:
- 2 a. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase or decrease the cost
- 3 of the service.
- 4 b. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase the appropriate use of
- 5 the service.
- 6 c. The extent to which the proposed mandate would increase or decrease the
- 7 administrative expenses of insurers and the premium and administrative
- 8 expenses of insureds.
- 9 d. The impact of the proposed mandate on the total cost of health care.
- 10 2.3. A committee of the legislative assembly may not act on a legislative measure
- 11 mandating that the legislative management or committee determines mandates health
- 12 insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers of services ~~may not~~
- 13 ~~be acted on by any committee of the legislative assembly~~ unless the measure as
- 14 recommended by the committee provides:
- 15 a. The measure is effective through June thirtieth of the next odd-numbered year
- 16 following the year in which the legislative assembly enacted the measure, and
- 17 after that date the measure is ineffective.
- 18 b. The application of the mandate is limited to the public employees health
- 19 insurance program and the public employee retiree health insurance program.
- 20 The application of such mandate begins with every contract for health insurance
- 21 which becomes effective after June thirtieth of the year in which the measure
- 22 becomes effective.
- 23 c. That for the next legislative assembly, the public employees retirement system
- 24 shall prepare and request introduction of a bill to repeal the expiration date and to
- 25 extend the mandated coverage or payment to apply to accident and health
- 26 insurance policies. The public employees retirement system shall append to the
- 27 bill a report regarding the effect of the mandated coverage or payment on the
- 28 system's health insurance programs. The report must include information on the
- 29 utilization and costs relating to the mandated coverage or payment and a
- 30 recommendation on whether the coverage or payment should continue. For
- 31 purposes of this section, the bill is not a legislative measure mandating health

1 insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers of services,
2 unless the bill is amended following introduction so as to change the bill's
3 mandate.

4 ~~3. A majority of the members of the committee, acting through the chairman, has sole-~~
5 ~~authority to determine whether a legislative measure mandates coverage of services-~~
6 ~~under this section.~~

7 ~~4. Any amendment made during a legislative session to a measure which mandates~~
8 ~~health insurance coverage of services may not be acted on by a committee of the~~
9 ~~legislative assembly unless the amendment is accompanied by a cost-benefit analysis-~~
10 ~~provided by the legislative council.~~The legislative management shall adopt a procedure
11 for identifying measures and proposed measures mandating health insurance
12 coverage of services or payment for specified providers of services. The procedure
13 may ~~must~~ include solicitation of draft measures and proposals during the interim
14 between legislative sessions from legislators and agencies with bill introduction
15 privileges and ~~may~~ ~~must~~ include deadlines for identification of the measures or
16 proposals.

17 5. The legislative council shall contract with a private entity, after receiving one or more
18 recommendations from the insurance commissioner, to provide the legislative
19 management ~~the~~ cost-benefit analysis required by this section. The insurance
20 commissioner shall pay the cost of the contracted services to the entity providing the
21 services.