

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1358

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by: (HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITABLE COMPENSATION FOR STATE-CONTRACTED NONPROFIT HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section and 2 section 2 of this act, (1) "nonprofit human services provider" means a 3 nonprofit entity that contracts with the state to provide health and 4 human services that may include, but need not be limited to: (A) 5 Services for persons with a physical disability, (B) services for persons 6 with intellectual disability or developmental disabilities, including, but 7 not limited to, autism spectrum disorder, and (C) behavioral health 8 services; and (2) "purchase of service contract" and "state agency" have 9 the same meanings as provided in section 4-70b of the general statutes, 10 as amended by this act.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2026, and every five years thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, in consultation with representatives of nonprofit human services providers, complete a review of a portion of the state's purchase of service contracts and personal service agreements with nonprofit human services providers to determine whether the rates such providers are paid to deliver health
and human services pursuant to such contracts or agreements
adequately compensate such providers for providing the level of
services expected by the state agency contracting with such provider.
For purposes of such review, the secretary shall examine the contracts
and agreements for such services of not less than two state agencies each
year.

23 (c) Not later than February 1, 2026, and every five years thereafter, 24 the secretary shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of 25 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of 26 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human 27 services, government administration and appropriations and the 28 budgets of state agencies. Such report shall include (1) a summary of the 29 results of the review conducted under subsection (b) of this section, (2) 30 any applicable recommendations concerning requiring contracting state 31 agencies to reduce contractual expectations if those expectations are not 32 adequately funded by the contract or agreement, and (3) any 33 recommended legislation necessary to implement such 34 recommendations.

35 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, 36 and triennially thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and 37 Management shall conduct a review of any reports that nonprofit 38 human services providers are required to file with various state 39 agencies. Such review shall include, but not be limited to, looking at the 40 number of reports that are required to be filed, the amount of 41 overlapping information in such reports, the time and resources needed 42 for providers to prepare and file the reports, the reasons for requiring 43 such reports and an analysis of how the reports are utilized by the state 44 agency receiving such reports. State agencies and nonprofit human 45 services providers shall provide any information requested by the 46 secretary for purposes of such review.

47 (b) The secretary shall eliminate or consolidate any reporting

required by a state agency that the secretary identifies under subsection
(a) of this section as unduly burdensome or duplicative, unless such
reporting is (1) necessary to prevent fraud or misuse of funds, (2)
prescribed under federal law or regulation for the use of federal funds,
or (3) required under any provision of state law.

53 (c) Not later than February 1, 2026, and triennially thereafter, the 54 secretary shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of 55 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of 56 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human 57 services, government administration and appropriations and the 58 budgets of state agencies. Such report shall include a summary of the 59 results of the review conducted under subsection (a) of this section, any 60 reporting eliminated or consolidated under subsection (b) of this section 61 and any recommendations for any legislation necessary to eliminate 62 burdensome or duplicative reporting requirements required under state 63 law.

64 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 4-70b of the general statutes is 65 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 66 2025):

67 (d) The secretary shall establish uniform policies and procedures for 68 obtaining, managing and evaluating the quality and cost effectiveness 69 of direct health and human services purchased from a private provider 70 organization or municipality. Such policies and procedures shall 71 include, but need not be limited to, a requirement that a private provider 72 organization receive payment for any services provided pursuant to a 73 purchase of service contract not later than thirty days after delivery of 74 such services. The secretary shall require all state agencies which 75 purchase direct health and human services to comply with such policies 76 and procedures.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	from passage	New section
Sec. 2	from passage	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2025	4-70b(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide equitable compensation for state-contracted nonprofit human services providers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]