
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5580

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DIABETES PREVENTION, EDUCATION, SELF-MANAGEMENT AND MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY PROGRAMS AND ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner to give Medicaid coverage, as federal law allows, for diabetes prevention, education, self-management, and medical nutrition therapy and allows her to seek federal approval for any needed Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to do so. The bill requires the commissioner to report to the legislature, by January 1, 2026, on Medicaid recipients enrolled in diabetes prevention, education, self-management, or nutrition therapy programs and any available data on these programs' impact on recipients' health.

The bill also establishes an 11-member Diabetes Advisory Council to study and make recommendations on diabetes education, prevention, and treatment. The council must report its findings and recommendations annually, beginning by January 1, 2026, to the Human Services and Public Health committees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025, except the provision establishing the advisory council is effective upon passage.

DIABETES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Members

Under the bill, the advisory council includes the following 11 members:

1. one member with medical expertise in diabetes treatment and one member with expertise in type 2 diabetes prevention programs, appointed by the House speaker;

2. two members appointed by the Senate president pro tempore;
3. one member each appointed by the House and Senate majority and minority leaders;
4. the DSS and Department of Public Health commissioners, or their designees; and
5. one member diagnosed with diabetes or prediabetes appointed by the Human Services Committee chairs.

Appointments

Under the bill, appointing authorities must make their initial appointments within 30 days after the bill's passage and fill any vacancies. Appointed members may be legislators, except for the member diagnosed with diabetes or prediabetes.

Leadership and Meetings

The bill requires the House speaker and Senate president pro tempore to select the council's chairpersons from among its members. The chairpersons must schedule and hold the council's first meeting within 60 days after the bill's passage.

The Human Services Committee's administrative staff must serve in this capacity for the commission.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 5 (03/13/2025)