

(II) UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN FOR MEDICAL COVERAGE; AND

(III) UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN AS DEFINED IN § 15-1201(N) OF THIS TITLE:

[(d)](E) Subject to the limitations of the State budget, the Commission may contract for actuarial services and other professional services to carry out the provisions of this section.

[(e)](F) . (1) On or before December 31, 1998, and each December [1] 31 thereafter, the Commission shall submit a report on its findings, including any recommendations, to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(2) THE ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF ANY MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICE ENACTED, LEGISLATIVELY PROPOSED, OR OTHERWISE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO JULY 1 OF THAT YEAR.

15-1502.

(A) IF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 15-1501(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE FULL COST OF MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES IS EQUIVALENT TO OR EXCEEDS 2.2% OF THE STATE'S AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE, THE COMMISSION:

(1) SHALL EVALUATE THE SOCIAL, MEDICAL, AND FINANCIAL IMPACT OF EACH EXISTING MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE METHOD ESTABLISHED FOR EVALUATING PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES UNDER § 15-1501(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

(B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY CONSIDER THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IN DETERMINING:

(1) WHETHER TO ENACT PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES; AND

(2) WHETHER TO REPEAL EXISTING MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE SERVICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

May 27, 1999

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.