

ENROLLED ACT NO. 81, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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2013 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the administration of government; directing a study of the most effective means of providing care to life resource center clients; directing the contents of the study; requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1.

(a) The department of health shall conduct a study of the most effective and efficient means of providing needed care to clients of the Wyoming life resource center, including whether care should be provided at the life resource center or through community based services. The study shall include:

(i) Development of a proposed plan for providing care most effectively and efficiently to the clients of the life resource center and, if transition of certain clients of the life resource center to community services is recommended, a plan for that transition that meets all legal requirements and considers input from guardians;

(ii) A report on the current and a ten (10) year historic trend of the numbers of clients served at the life resource center and the cost of services provided to those clients under the Medicaid program, under private pay arrangements or under any other third party payor. To the extent practicable, costs shall be itemized to identify separately those costs that reflect the direct provision of client services and the costs of the physical plant maintenance that do not directly support client services;

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(iii) An estimate of the costs of providing community based services or comparable services in other settings, including nursing homes, to the same clients receiving services as of March 1, 2013;

(iv) An estimate of the cost savings, if any, that would be realized by transitioning some or all life resource center clients to community based services or services in other settings, including nursing homes;

(v) An estimate of one-time costs to implement the transition;

(vi) A determination of whether there are sufficient service providers in the state who are appropriately certified, capable and willing to provide necessary services in the community to the clients of the life resource center;

(vii) A comparison of operational costs with similar facilities in other states on a per client basis;

(viii) Consultation with parents, guardians and family members of current clients about the matters described in paragraphs (i) through (vii) of this subsection. At least two (2) informational meetings and opportunities for parents, guardians and family members to provide testimony shall be held by the department. The department shall provide written notice to parents and guardians of each current client at least two (2) weeks prior to each meeting;

(ix) Opportunities to reduce the overhead and other operational costs of the center.

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(b) The department of health shall have the authority to contract with experts and consultants as may be useful in conducting the study. In contracting for services in amounts not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) with experts and consultants for purposes of conducting this study, the department shall be exempt from the procurement requirements set out in W.S. 9-2-1016 and any other state laws, rules or policies governing the procurement of services by a state agency. This exemption shall expire on June 30, 2014 or upon completion of the study, whichever occurs first.

(c) The department shall submit a written report of its study to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee and the joint appropriations interim committee by November 1, 2013.

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Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk