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AND CURRY, MAY 5, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 5, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 27, 1905 (P.L.312, No.218), entitled
2 "An act creating a Department of Health, and defining its
3 powers and duties," further providing for State health
4 centers; and making editorial changes.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 8(b) and (c) of the act of April 27, 1905
8 (P.L.312, No.218), entitled "An act creating a Department of
9 Health, and defining its powers and duties," are amended to
10 read:

11 Section 8. * * *

12 (b) The Secretary of Health shall cause examination to be
13 made of nuisances or questions affecting the security of life
14 and health in any locality, and for that purpose the secretary,
15 and any person authorized by [him] the secretary so to do, may,
16 without fee or hindrance, enter, examine and survey all grounds,
17 vehicles, apartments, buildings, and places within the State,
18 and all persons so authorized by [him] the secretary shall have
19 the powers and authority conferred by law upon constables.

1 (c) (1) With the exception of [the three State health
2 centers selected for the review program established in paragraph
3 (2),] a State health center in any county that is established as
4 a separate county health department under the act of August 24,
5 1951 (P.L.1304, No.315), known as the Local Health
6 Administration Law, the department shall operate [those] public
7 State health centers and provide at a minimum those public
8 health services in effect as of July 1, 1995. [Except as
9 provided in paragraph (2), the] The department shall not enter
10 into contracts with any additional private providers that would
11 result in the elimination of any State health center nor reduce
12 the scope of services currently provided nor reduce the number
13 of centers.

14 [(4) On or before December 31, 1997, the department shall
15 submit a report to the General Assembly, which shall include,
16 but not be limited to, the following:

17 (i) A review and analysis of the three health care centers
18 or of the provision of equivalent services in the review
19 program, including patient utilization and services provided.

20 (ii) An analysis of the performance of each local health
21 care provider, including patient satisfaction with the provision
22 of services.

23 (iii) A review of other delivery systems for health services
24 in the community, both public and private.

25 (iv) A comparison of the cost and effectiveness of the
26 operation of each of the three health care centers by the
27 Commonwealth with the cost of the provision of equivalent
28 services by local health care providers.

29 (v) Recommendations regarding continuation of the provision
30 of the services previously provided by the three health care

1 centers included in the study program by local health care
2 providers.

3 (vi) Recommendations regarding the public and private
4 operation of all remaining health care centers or the provision
5 of equivalent services in this Commonwealth.]

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.