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Introduced by Representatives Cordes of Lincoln, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Elder of Starksboro, Gonzalez of Winooski, Rogers of Waterville, Sullivan of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; Green Mountain Care Board; hospitals; hospital budget review; hospital administrators

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require hospitals, as part of the hospital budget review process, to disclose the salaries of hospital administrators earning \$150,000.00 or more, and would direct the Green Mountain Care Board to evaluate the reasonableness of those salaries. It would also specify that hospital administrator salary information must be made available to the public upon request.

An act relating to disclosure of hospital administrator salaries in hospital budget review

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 9454 is amended to read:

3 § 9454. HOSPITALS; DUTIES

4 (a) Hospitals shall file the following information at the time and place and
5 in the manner established by the Board:

6 (1) a budget for the forthcoming fiscal year;

7 (2) financial information, including:

8 (A) costs of operation;

9 (B) revenues;

10 (C) assets;

11 (D) liabilities;

12 (E) fund balances;

13 (F) other income;

14 (G) rates;

15 (H) charges;

16 (I) units of services; and

17 (J) wage and salary data, including the names and salaries of all

18 hospital administrators earning \$150,000.00 or more annually;

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1 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 9456 is amended to read:

2 § 9456. BUDGET REVIEW

3 (a) The Board shall conduct reviews of each hospital's proposed budget
4 based on the information provided pursuant to this subchapter and in
5 accordance with a schedule established by the Board.

6 (b) In conjunction with budget reviews, the Board shall:

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8 (10)(A) require each hospital to provide information on administrative
9 costs, as defined by the Board, including specific information on the amounts
10 spent on marketing and advertising costs and the names and salaries of all
11 hospital administrators earning \$150,000.00 or more annually;

12 (B) evaluate the reasonableness of administrator salaries in relation to
13 regional averages for similarly situated individuals; and

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15 Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 9457 is amended to read:

16 § 9457. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

17 (a) All information required to be filed under this subchapter shall be made
18 available to the public upon request, provided that individual patients or health
19 care practitioners shall not be directly or indirectly identifiable.

20 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, salary information
21 disclosed pursuant to subdivision 9454(a)(2)(J) of this title for a health care

1 practitioner who is also hospital administrator shall be made available to the
2 public upon request.

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.