1                                S.264

2       Introduced by Senator Ayer

3       Referred to Committee on

4       Date:

5       Subject: Health; Green Mountain Care Board; expenditure analysis; health

6              care spending estimate

7       Statement of purpose of bill as introduced:  This bill proposes to revise the

8       Green Mountain Care Board's duty to develop an expenditure analysis.  It

9       would also replace the Board's duty to create a unified health care budget with

10      a requirement for an estimate of future health care spending.


11            An act relating to the Green Mountain Care Board's expenditure analysis
12            and health care spending estimate

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

14      Sec. 1.  18 V.S.A. § 9373 is amended to read:

15      § 9373.  DEFINITIONS

16         As used in this chapter:

17                                    * * *

18         (14)  ~~"Unified health care budget" means the budget established in~~

19      ~~accordance with section 9375a of this title.~~ [Repealed.]

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1   (17)  "Health care spending estimate" means the estimate established in

2 accordance with section 9383 of this title.

3 Sec. 2.  18 V.S.A. § 9375(b) is amended to read:

4  (b)  The Board shall have the following duties:

5         * * *

6   (11)  Develop the ~~unified~~ health care ~~budget~~ spending estimate pursuant

7 to section ~~9375a~~ 9383 of this title.

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9 Sec. 3.  18 V.S.A. § 9383 is added to read:

10 § 9383.  EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS; HEALTH CARE SPENDING

11   ESTIMATE

12  (a)  The Board shall develop annually an expenditure analysis and an

13 estimate of future health care spending covering a period of at least two years.

14 These analyses shall contain data and information as set forth in this section

15 that the Board shall consider and incorporate into its work in furtherance of its

16 statutory duties.  The analyses shall:

17   (1)  inform the Board's regulatory processes in order to promote

18 improved health outcomes, health care cost containment, quality of care,

19 access to care, and appropriate resource allocation; and

20   (2)  quantify the total amount of money that has been and is estimated to

21 be expended for all health care services provided by health care facilities and

1    providers in Vermont and for health care services provided to residents of this

2    State regardless of the site of service, to the extent data are available.

3        (b)  The expenditure analysis and the estimate of future health care spending

4    shall include breakdowns for broad sectors such as hospital, physician, home

5    health, and pharmacy and may include estimates for disease prevention and

6    health promotion activities and other social determinants of health.  The

7    analyses shall include:

8        (1)  expenditures by commercial health plans, hospital and medical

9    service corporations, and health maintenance organizations regulated by this

10   State; and

11       (2)  expenditures for Medicare, Medicaid, self-insured employers, and

12   other forms of health coverage, to the extent data are available.

13   Sec. 4.  18 V.S.A. § 9402 is amended to read:

14   § 9402.  DEFINITIONS

15       As used in this chapter, unless otherwise indicated:

16                                    * * *

17       (5)  "Expenditure analysis" means the expenditure analysis developed

18   pursuant to section 9375a 9383 of this title.

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1      (15)  "~~Unified health care budget~~ <u>Health care spending estimate</u>" means

2    the ~~budget~~ <u>spending estimate</u> established in accordance with section ~~9375a~~

3    <u>9383</u> of this title.

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5    Sec. 5.  32 V.S.A. § 307(d) is amended to read:

6      (d)  The Governor's budget shall include his or her recommendations for an

7    annual budget for Medicaid and all other health care assistance programs

8    administered by the Agency of Human Services.  The Governor's proposed

9    Medicaid budget shall include a proposed annual financial plan, and a

10   proposed five-year financial plan, with the following information and analysis:

11                                   * * *

12     (5)  health care inflation trends consistent with provider reimbursements

13   approved under 18 V.S.A. § 9376 and expenditure trends reported under

14   18 V.S.A. § ~~9375a~~ <u>9383</u>;

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16   Sec. 6.  REPEAL

17     <u>18 V.S.A. § 9375a (expenditure analysis; unified health care budget) is</u>

18   <u>repealed.</u>

19   Sec. 7.  EFFECTIVE DATE

20     <u>This act shall take effect on passage.</u>