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# HOUSE BILL NO. 554

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KENDRICK.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to an investigation of the merits of a Medicaid buy-in.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 208.1320, to read as follows:

**208.1320. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:**

**(1) "Committee", the joint committee on legislative research;**

**(2) "Exchange", the same as defined in section 376.2000.**

**2. The joint committee on legislative research shall investigate the merits of a Medicaid buy-in program to be offered by the state.**

**3. The investigation shall consider the viability, merits, and challenges of the following options:**

**(1) A targeted Medicaid buy-in in which the state offers Medicaid-like coverage off the exchange to those not eligible for Medicaid, Medicare, or subsidized exchange coverage;**

**(2) A qualified health plan public option in which the state offers a lower cost product on the exchange to individuals and small employers in partnership with an existing insurer;**

**(3) A basic health program in which the state offers coverage for individuals with incomes up to two hundred percent of the federal poverty level who are not Medicaid-eligible; and**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17           **(4) A Medicaid buy-in for all in which the state offers Medicaid-like coverage for**  
18 **everyone, except individuals covered by Medicare, as a low-cost option off the exchange.**

19           **4. In addition to investigating the four options for a Medicaid buy-in in subsection**  
20 **3 of this section, the committee shall also make findings on the following:**

21           **(1) The fiscal implications of a Medicaid buy-in to the state, individuals, and the**  
22 **cost of medical services;**

23           **(2) The stability of the health care market and the exchange in this state;**

24           **(3) The rate at which individuals in the state are uninsured; and**

25           **(4) The ways in which a Medicaid buy-in would contribute to health care outcomes**  
26 **and the overall health and welfare of the state.**

27           **5. In investigating and making findings under subsections 3 and 4 of this section,**  
28 **the committee shall consult a variety of stakeholders including, but not limited to, the**  
29 **following:**

30           **(1) Patients and consumers of health care and their care givers;**

31           **(2) Insurers doing business in this state;**

32           **(3) Health care providers, including physicians, clinics, hospitals, treatment centers,**  
33 **and other health care providers;**

34           **(4) State agencies and other entities with an interest in health care, including the**  
35 **department of social services, the department of mental health, the department of health**  
36 **and senior services, the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional**  
37 **registration, the department of elementary and secondary education, the department of**  
38 **public safety, and the department of labor and industrial relations; and**

39           **(5) Businesses and labor representatives.**

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41           **The committee shall seek comments from the entities in subdivisions (1) through (5) of this**  
42 **subsection in developing its reports and shall make the reports available for comment from**  
43 **those entities as well as members of the general public. These comments shall be**  
44 **considered and incorporated into the final report.**

45           **6. The committee shall produce a final report on its findings on or before August**  
46 **30, 2022. In addition to this final report, the committee shall also submit reports on the**  
47 **progress of the investigation and the current findings annually on or before August**  
48 **thirtieth of 2020 and 2021. All reports shall be submitted to the speaker and the minority**  
49 **floor leader of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore and the minority**  
50 **leader of the senate.**

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