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Legislative Items - Health Care

HS2 for HB350 w/ HA 1

Longhurst/Townsend

F/N Completed

Awaiting Consideration in Senate Executive Committee

Diamond State Hospital Cost Review Board, which will be responsible for an annual review of hospital budgets and related financial information. The Board will have 7 members: 6 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and the Executive Director of the Delaware Healthcare Association. This Act creates a requirement that hospitals submit yearly budgets, audited financial statements, and related financial information to the Board for review. Where a hospital fails to meet the state's budget benchmark for increases in hospital costs it is required to engage with the Board on a performance improvement plan. If the Board and the hospital cannot agree on an improvement plan or where the hospital fails to successfully implement a performance plan, the Board may require the hospital to have its future budget approved by the Board.



Legislative Items - Health Care

SB13

S. McBride/Harris

F/N Completed

Awaiting Consideration in Senate Finance Committee

Also known as the "Protect Medicaid Act of 2024", SB13 seeks to establish a Hospital Quality Assessment, imposes a 1.79% and subsequently a 3.58% assessment on hospitals' net patient revenues to generate funds for Medicaid initiatives and increase hospital payments. It also creates a Hospital Quality and Health Equity Assessment Commission to monitor implementation and make necessary modifications for continued federal financial participation.



Legislative Items - Health Care

HS1 for HB326

Baumbach/Pinkney

Released from House Health Committee

This act requires Delaware's non-profit hospitals to submit an annual report detailing their community benefit spending, aligning with reporting standards in 31 other states and neighboring states. The report, outlining activities like uncompensated care and community health programs, must be made public and can now be submitted electronically within 30 days of filing a federal Form 990. The substitute also includes technical adjustments and expands the required information in the community benefits report to enhance transparency and compliance with relevant laws and regulations.





Delaware General Assembly 2024 Legislative Calendar

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 Legislative Session	 Spring Recess	 DEFAC	 Bond Hearings
 JFC Hearings	 JFC Markup	 Bond Markup	 JFC - GIA Drafting

Holidays
January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 19: Presidents' Day
March 29: Good Friday
May 27: Memorial Day
June 19: Juneteenth

Acronyms
DEFAC: Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council
JFC: Joint Finance Committee