

State Corporation Commission

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1457

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Vogel

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Health insurance; mandated coverage for autism spectrum disorder.

5. Summary: Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in individuals of any age. Currently, such coverage is required to be provided for individuals from age two through age six. The provision applies with respect to insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended on or after January 1, 2016.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes – Item 467.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal impact estimates are preliminary – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: There are no fiscal implications for the State Corporation Commission. However, according to the Department of Human Resource Management, “Anthem has provided the Department of Human Resource Management with a projected fiscal impact of \$2.1 million for HB1940. The legislation removes the requirement that health care providers only provide health care coverage to individuals diagnosed with autism between the ages of two and six years of age. Allowing coverage to individuals diagnosed with autism, regardless of their age, would create an additional cost to the state health plan.”

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Administration of Health Insurance (within the Department of Human Resource Management) and State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: In accordance with legislation enacted in 2013, reviews of expansions of existing health insurance mandates are now conducted by the Health Insurance Reform Commission. Senate Bill 1457 is identical to House Bill 1940.

Date: 01/30/15/V. Tompkins

cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade
Secretary of Health and Human Resources
Secretary of Administration