

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1940

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Greason

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: Preliminary – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: There are no fiscal implications for the State Corporation Commission. 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.

Date: 01/22/15/V. Tompkins

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