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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRACTS WITH NONPROFIT
HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section and
2 section 2 of this act, (1) "nonprofit human services provider" means a
3 nonprofit entity that contracts with the state to provide health and
4 human services that may include, but need not be limited to: (A)
5 Services for persons with a physical disability, (B) services for persons
6 with intellectual disability or developmental disabilities, including, but
7 not limited to, autism spectrum disorder, and (C) behavioral health
8 services; and (2) "purchase of service contract" and "state agency" have
9 the same meanings as provided in section 4-70b of the general statutes.

10 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the
11 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, in consultation
12 with representatives of nonprofit human services providers, complete a
13 review of the state's purchase of service contracts with nonprofit human
14 services providers to determine whether the rates such providers are

15 paid to deliver health and human services pursuant to such contracts
16 adequately compensate such providers for providing the level of
17 services expected by the state agency contracting with such provider.

18 (c) Not later than February 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the
19 secretary shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
20 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
21 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
22 services, government administration and appropriations and the
23 budgets of state agencies. Such report shall include (1) a summary of the
24 results of the review conducted under subsection (b) of this section, (2)
25 any applicable recommendations concerning requiring contracting state
26 agencies to reduce contractual expectations if those expectations are not
27 adequately funded by the contract, and (3) any recommended
28 legislation necessary to implement such recommendations.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2025,
30 and triennially thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
31 Management shall conduct a review of any reports that nonprofit
32 human services providers are required to file with various state
33 agencies. Such review shall include, but not be limited to, looking at the
34 number of reports that are required to be filed, the amount of
35 overlapping information in such reports, the time and resources needed
36 for providers to prepare and file the reports, the reasons for requiring
37 such reports and an analysis of how the reports are utilized by the state
38 agency receiving such reports. State agencies and nonprofit human
39 services providers shall provide any information requested by the
40 secretary for purposes of such review.

41 (b) The secretary shall eliminate or consolidate any reporting
42 required by a state agency that the secretary identifies under subsection
43 (a) of this section as unduly burdensome or duplicative, unless such
44 reporting is (1) necessary to prevent fraud or misuse of funds, (2)
45 prescribed under federal law or regulation for the use of federal funds,
46 or (3) required under any provision of state law.

47 (c) Not later than February 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the
48 secretary shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
49 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
50 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
51 services, government administration and appropriations and the
52 budgets of state agencies. Such report shall include a summary of the
53 results of the review conducted under subsection (a) of this section, any
54 reporting eliminated or consolidated under subsection (a) of this section
55 and any recommendations for any legislation necessary to eliminate
56 burdensome or duplicative reporting requirements required under state
57 law.

58 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 4-70b of the general statutes is
59 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
60 *2024*):

61 (d) The secretary shall establish uniform policies and procedures for
62 obtaining, managing and evaluating the quality and cost effectiveness
63 of direct health and human services purchased from a private provider
64 organization or municipality. Such policies and procedures shall
65 include, but not be limited to, a requirement that a private provider
66 organization receive payment for any services provided pursuant to a
67 purchase of service contract not later than thirty days after delivery of
68 such services. The secretary shall require all state agencies which
69 purchase direct health and human services to comply with such policies
70 and procedures.

71 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
72 Management, in consultation with the State Comptroller, shall (1)
73 conduct a review of the CORE-CT system to detect inefficiencies, in
74 particular accessibility issues or financial reporting inefficiencies,
75 concerning the use of said system by nonprofit private provider
76 organizations that provide health and human services to residents of
77 this state pursuant to contracts with state agencies, and (2) update any
78 features of the CORE-CT system that are identified pursuant to such
79 review as outdated.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	4-70b(d)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to conduct reviews of the level of services and reporting requirements of nonprofit human services providers and of updates needed to CORE-CT to eliminate inefficiencies and to require prompt payment of such providers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]