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Fiscal Note

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S.126 – An act relating to health care payment and delivery system reform

As Passed by the Senate^{1,i}

Bill Summary

The bill proposes to enact certain health care payment and delivery system reforms to promote the transformation of Vermont’s health care system. The bill would:

- Direct the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) to implement reference-based pricing and establish standards for global hospital budgets;
- Require hospitals to disclose more information regarding executive compensation;
- Require the Agency of Human Services (AHS), in collaboration with GMCB, the Department of Financial Regulation (DFR), the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care (VPQHC), the Office of the Health Care Advocate (HCA), and an advisory committee (also created in the bill) to develop an integrated Statewide Health Care Delivery Plan; and
- Require AHS to develop an integrated system of clinical and claims data.

Fiscal Impact

The bill as introduced by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare included five new permanent positions and an appropriation of \$1.5 million to GMCB and two new limited-service positions and an appropriation of \$1.78 million to AHS. The bill as passed by the Senate did not include any positions or appropriations.

On April 23, the Senate Committee on Appropriations voted on an amendment to H.493 – An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government – which included appropriations in support of S.126 as passed by the Senate (on March 27, 2025). This included an appropriation of \$2.5 million to the Agency of Human Services and an appropriation of \$3.7 million to the Green Mountain Care Board, including 3 new positions. These appropriations are based on information provided by AHS and the GMCB for what they estimate are the resources needed to fulfill the work envisioned in S.126.

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