

Representative Balseer of Newton moves to amend amendment #447 by striking the amendment in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following amendment:-

Representative Balseer of Newton moves to amend H. 4600 by adding the following section:-

SECTION XX. The executive office of health and human services shall report to the general court on the implementation of chapter 257 of the acts of 2008. The report shall include information regarding: (i) how current rates for social service programs, as defined in section 22N of chapter 7 of the General Laws, reflect the various factors that the secretary of health and human services shall take into account when setting the rates pursuant to section 2A of chapter 118G of the General Laws; (ii) how the executive office has complied with said chapter 257; (iii) how the executive office determines inflation costs; (iv) the steps that the executive office is taking to set adequate rates for social service programs; (v) how the executive office has addressed the concerns raised in the executive office of health and human services report dated October 2007, entitled Financial Health of Providers in the Massachusetts Human Service System; and (vi) what regulatory changes have been or could be instituted by the executive office that would reduce costs related to the administration of social service programs. The executive office shall submit its report to the clerks of the house and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on health care financing and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities not later than September 1, 2010.