Amendment to HB 1520

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Statement of Purpose. The general court recognizes that the health care delivery system of the state of New Hampshire is responsible for constantly improving health care outcomes and managing health care costs across the state. The health care delivery system is therefore vital to the economy and well being of all New Hampshire citizens. Therefore the general court hereby establishes the New Hampshire health policy commission to advise and make recommendations to state agencies for the purposes of improved health and managed cost for all New Hampshire citizens.

Amend RSA 126-A:81, II-III as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

II. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

(b) The commissioner of the insurance department, or designee.

(c) The attorney general, or designee.

(d) A physician with expertise in health policy, appointed by the New Hampshire Medical Society.

(e) A representative of New Hampshire health insurers, appointed by America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP).

(f) A representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by the association.

(g) The director of the university of New Hampshire institute for health policy and practice, or designee.

(h) The president of Endowment for Health, or designee.

(i) A representative of the New Hampshire Health Care Association, appointed by the association.

(j) The chair of the university of New Hampshire department of health management and policy, or designee.

(k) A public member with expertise in health care delivery and management, appointed by the governor with confirmation by the executive council.

(l) A representative of the Bi-State Primary Care Association, appointed by the association.
(m) A representative of NAMI New Hampshire, appointed by that organization.

(n) A representative of the New Hampshire Nurses’ Association, appointed by that association.

(o) A representative of the Business and Industry Association (BIA), appointed by the association.

(p) A representative of labor with expertise in representing the health care workforce, appointed by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1984.

(q) A representative of the Home Care Association of New Hampshire, appointed by the association.

(r) The commissioner of the department of corrections, or designee.

(s) A member of the house of representatives who shall be a member of the health, human services and elderly affairs committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

III. The legislative member shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission. The members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs II(a) through (c) and (r) and (s) shall serve terms coterminous with their terms in office. The members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs II(d) through (q) shall serve 4-year terms; provided that initially such members shall serve staggered terms and no such member shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the commissioner of the department of health and human services. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this subdivision. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The commission shall convene at least 4 times per year. The commission shall be subject to the provisions of 91-A.

Amend RSA 126-A:81, IV(a)(3) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(3) Recommending standards for health care delivery systems to best meet medical, behavioral, and social needs.