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Senate Bill 360

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to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;
and then to the Committee on Government
Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
 2 designated §16-5Z-1, §16-5Z-2, §16-5Z-3, §16-5Z-4 and §16-5Z-5, all relating to creating
 3 the Legislative Coalition on Diabetes Management; setting forth findings and purpose;
 4 providing for administrative functions of the coalition to be performed by legislative staff;
 5 setting forth membership of the coalition; providing for appointments to be made by the
 6 President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates; setting forth powers and
 7 duties of the coalition; setting forth required reporting; setting forth reporting data
 8 elements; providing for compensation of members; and providing a sunset date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 article, designated §16-5Z-1, §16-5Z-2, §16-5Z-3, §16-5Z-4 and §16-5Z-5, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5Z. COALITION FOR DIABETES MANAGEMENT.

§16-5Z-1. Creation of the Coalition for Diabetes Management.

1 There is created the Coalition for Diabetes Management. The administrative functions of
 2 the coalition shall be the responsibility of staff assigned to the Joint Committee on Health to be in
 3 the best interest of the state and its citizens.

§16-5Z-2. Members of the Coalition for Diabetes Management.

1 The Coalition for Diabetes Management shall consist of the following members:

2 (1) The Dean of the School of Public Health at West Virginia University, or his or her
 3 designee, who shall serve as chair of the coalition.

4 (2) Four physicians licensed to practice in this state pursuant to article three or article
 5 fourteen, chapter thirty of this code who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and
 6 the Speaker of the House of Delegates in consultation with the cochairs of the Joint Committee
 7 on Health. These physicians shall be board certified endocrinologist.

8 (3) A primary care physician licensed to practice in this state pursuant to article three or
 9 article fourteen, chapter thirty of this code who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate

10 and the Speaker of the House of Delegates in consultation with the cochairs of the Joint
11 Committee on Health.

12 (4) A pediatric physician licensed to practice in this state pursuant to article three or article
13 fourteen, chapter thirty of this code who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and
14 the Speaker of the House of Delegates in consultation with the cochairs of the Joint Committee
15 on Health.

16 (5) The cochairs of the Joint Committee on Health serve as nonvoting members, ex-officio.

§16-5Z-3. Powers and duties of the Coalition.

1 (a) The Coalition for Diabetes Management shall:

2 (1) Meet at least quarterly, or at the call of the chairman. A quorum is a simple majority of
3 the coalition;

4 (2) Keep accurate records of the actions of the coalition; and

5 (3) Make recommendations to the Legislature as required by this article.

6 (b) At a minimum, the coalition shall:

7 (1) Provide guidance to the Legislature on potential statutory solutions relative to
8 regulation of diabetes;

9 (2) Establish workgroups and clinical advisory committees as the coalition deems
10 necessary to address pertinent issues related to diabetes management and to provide
11 consistency in the development of further regulation;

12 (3) Consult with entities and persons with a particular expertise as the coalition deems
13 necessary in the fulfillment of their duties. This can include public and private sector partnerships;
14 and

15 (4) Offer any additional guidance to the Legislature which the coalition sees is within its
16 scope which would further enhance the provider patient relationship in the effective treatment and
17 management of diabetes.

18 (c) The coalition shall report its findings to the Joint Committee on Health by December

19 31, 2017, and annually after that until the coalition terminates pursuant to the provisions of this
20 article. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following:

21 (1) Conclusions and recommendations to promote a better means for management of
22 diabetes;

23 (2) Recommendations for statutory and regulatory modifications;

24 (3) Identification of any action which may be taken by the Legislature to better foster
25 awareness of the plight of diabetes in this state;

26 (4) A means to raise diabetes awareness; and

27 (5) Any other ancillary issues relative to diabetes management.

§16-5Z-4. Compensation and expenses of coalition.

1 (a) Members of the coalition shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary travel
2 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the performance of their duties as
3 members of the coalition, including, but not limited to, their attendance at meetings.

4 (b) Members of the coalition shall be paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint
5 Committee on Government and Finance.

6 (c) Members of the coalition may receive no other compensation for their services on or
7 with the coalition other than the reimbursement of expenses as provided in this section.

§16-5Z-5. Sunset.

1 The coalition terminates on December 31, 2020, unless continued by act of the
2 Legislature.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a legislative coalition to study and report to the Legislature on diabetes in the state.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.