

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 967

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by inserting after "maximizing"
2 participation and

3 Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by striking out "in order"

4 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 8 and 9, by striking out "and
5 births and improved health in children in our Commonwealth and
6 coordinate" and inserting

7 , maternal outcomes, births and birth outcomes, improving
8 health in pregnant women, postpartum women, children and
9 infants in this Commonwealth and coordinating with

10 Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by inserting after "WIC"
11 participation and

12 Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out "increased" and
13 inserting

14 increasing the

15 Amend Bill, page 1, line 15, by striking out the comma after
16 "technology" and inserting

17 and

18 Amend Bill, page 1, line 15, by striking out the comma after
19 "organization" and inserting

20 and by

21 Amend Bill, page 1, line 17, by inserting after "increase"
22 participation and

23 Amend Bill, page 2, line 18, by striking out all of said line
24 and inserting

1 "Enrollment." The number of active WIC participants who are
2 eligible to receive food benefits.

3 "Food instrument." A voucher, check, electronic benefits
4 transfer (EBT) card, coupon or other document that is used by a
5 participant to obtain supplemental foods.

6 "Participation." The number of individuals who have received
7 WIC food benefits on a food instrument.

8 Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by striking out "Duties" and
9 inserting

10 Topics

11 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 25 through 28, by striking out
12 "and" in line 25, all of lines 26 and 27 and "Commonwealth" in
13 line 28

14 Amend Bill, page 2, line 29, by striking out "On the" and
15 inserting

16 The

17 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 1 through 9, by striking out all of
18 said lines and inserting
19 programs.

20 Amend Bill, page 3, line 13, by striking out "toddlers" and
21 inserting

22 children

23 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 14 through 30; page 4, lines 1
24 through 18; by striking out "To develop an annual plan for
25 outreach, including" in line 14, all of lines 15 through 30 on
26 page 3 and all of lines 1 through 18 on page 4 and inserting

27 Outreach initiatives to increase participation and enrollment
28 in the program, including any underserved populations.

29 (3) Technology improvements or enhancements for program
30 operations, efficacy and efficiency, including:

31 (i) Incorporating the use of technology and
32 modernization tools that remove barriers for program
33 participants, including the potential to load benefits
34 remotely and purchase WIC benefits online.

35 (ii) Developing and maximizing the use of telehealth
36 technology for the increased convenience of program
37 participants.

1 (iii) Coordinating and collating services to improve
2 efficiency and effectiveness of those services.

3 (b) Other topics.--The board may advise the department on
4 other topics bearing on the program.

5 Section 5. Duties.

6 (a) Board duties.--The board shall have the following
7 duties:

8 Amend Bill, page 4, line 19, by inserting after "and"
9 participation and

10 Amend Bill, page 4, line 20, by striking out "regional" and
11 inserting

12 State

13 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 20 and 21, by striking out "and the
14 Department of Human Services"

15 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 22 through 27, by striking out all
16 of lines 22 through 26 and "(4)" in line 27 and inserting

17 (2)

18 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 28 and 29, by striking out "to
19 ensure all members are aware of the current efforts"

20 Amend Bill, page 4, line 30, by striking out "(5) Research"
21 and inserting

22 (3) Advise on

23 Amend Bill, page 5, lines 2 through 12, by striking out all
24 of said lines and inserting

25 (4) Consult with organizations and other agencies that
26 work with WIC participants in fulfilling duties under this
27 act.

28 (5) Advise the department on the topics enumerated in
29 section 4.

30 Amend Bill, page 5, line 13, by striking out "5" and
31 inserting

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33 Amend Bill, page 5, line 16, by striking out "Ex officio
34 members.--"

1 Amend Bill, page 5, line 18, by inserting after "designee"

2 who shall be an employee of the department

3 Amend Bill, page 5, lines 19 through 30; page 6, lines 1

4 through 11; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and

5 inserting

6 (ii) The Director of WIC or a designee who shall be
7 an employee of the department with specialized knowledge
8 of WIC.

9 (iii) Two subject matter experts, as determined by
10 the Secretary of Health or a designee.

11 (2) Remaining members of the board shall include the
12 number of representatives from each of the following
13 categories as indicated, for a total of 14 remaining members:

14 (i) Two medical professionals with expertise in
15 serving women and children from underserved populations.

16 (ii) Two advocates focused on addressing food
17 insecurity.

18 (iii) Two child or maternal advocates.

19 (iv) Three WIC participants, each representing a
20 different region of this Commonwealth.

21 (v) One representative from two different WIC-
22 authorized stores or representatives or designees of WIC-
23 authorized stores, for a total of two, with preference
24 being for one representative from a store located in an
25 urban area and one representative from a store located in
26 a rural area, as determined by the Secretary of Health.

27 (vi) One representative from each of three different
28 WIC local agencies, for a total of three representatives,
29 each representing a different region of this
30 Commonwealth.

31 (b) Chair.--The Secretary of Health shall serve as chair of
32 the board. The following apply:

33 (1) At the first board meeting, board members shall
34 self-select a vice chair and secretary.

35 (2) The vice chair shall assist in the agenda creation
36 and meeting organization.

37 (3) The Secretary of Health shall select a board member
38 to fill the vice chair's obligations in the vice chair's
39 absence.

40 (4) The secretary of the board shall capture and
41 distribute meeting minutes.

42 (c) Quorum.--Ten board members under section 6(a)(2) shall
43 constitute a quorum.

44 (d) Voting.--Only board members under section 6(a)(2) shall
45 have voting rights. The vote of the majority of the quorum of
46 board members shall prevail.

47 (e) Appointment and terms.--

1 (1) The Secretary of Health shall appoint members of the
2 board under section 6(a)(2) for staggered three-year terms,
3 as determined by the Secretary of Health, for a term not to
4 exceed three consecutive years.

5 (2) A board member whose term has expired shall continue
6 as a member of the board until a replacement has been
7 appointed. The member shall have full voting rights and count
8 for purposes of establishing a quorum. However, in no event
9 shall the member continue to serve on the board beyond six
10 months from the date of term expiration.

11 (3) Ex officio members or their designees shall serve so
12 long as the official continues to serve in an official
13 position.

14 Amend Bill, page 6, line 12, by striking out "(d)" and
15 inserting

16 (f)

17 Amend Bill, page 6, line 13, by inserting after "filled"
18 within 45 days of the vacancy

19 Amend Bill, page 6, line 15, by striking out "(e)" and
20 inserting

21 (g)

22 Amend Bill, page 6, lines 16 through 19, by striking out the
23 colon in line 16 and all of lines 17 through 19 and inserting
24 the department.

25 Amend Bill, page 6, line 20, by striking out "(f)" and
26 inserting

27 (h)

28 Amend Bill, page 6, line 25, by striking out "(g)" and
29 inserting

30 (i)

31 Amend Bill, page 6, line 27, by striking out "less than 10"
32 and inserting

33 fewer than four

34 Amend Bill, page 6, line 27, by striking out the period after
35 "year" and inserting

36 , on a quarterly basis. However, the board shall meet

1 every month for the first six months after the establishment
2 of the board. Thereafter, for the remainder of that first
3 year, the board shall meet on a quarterly basis.

4 Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 4 and 5

5 Section 7. Compensation and reimbursement.

6 Board members shall not be entitled to compensation for their
7 services as board members. However, board members shall be
8 entitled to reimbursement in accordance with Commonwealth
9 guidelines for reasonable travel, lodging and other necessary
10 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as board
11 members.

12 Section 8. Conflict of interest.

13 Board members shall recuse themselves from discussions and
14 actions if a conflict of interest may exist.

15 Amend Bill, page 7, line 5, by striking out "6" and inserting

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