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SENATE BILL 06-004

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
102 **REGARDING THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE**
103 **INMATES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Health Care Task Force. Requires the department of corrections to study and report on the state's options for providing medical services to state inmates in correctional facilities through the use of telemedicine. Requires the report to be presented to the health and human services committees of the house of representatives and the senate on or before February 1, 2007. Specifies, at a minimum, what the report shall include.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of article 1 of title 17, Colorado Revised
3 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to
4 read:

5 **17-1-113.3. Telemedicine - study - report - repeal.** (1) FOR
6 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TELEMEDICINE" SHALL HAVE THE SAME
7 MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-36-106 (1) (g), C.R.S.

8 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL STUDY THE STATE'S OPTIONS FOR
9 PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES IN CORRECTIONAL
10 FACILITIES THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE. ON OR BEFORE
11 FEBRUARY 1, 2007, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND
12 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
13 THE SENATE REGARDING THE STATE'S OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING MEDICAL
14 SERVICES TO STATE INMATES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES THROUGH THE
15 USE OF TELEMEDICINE. THE REPORT SHALL ADDRESS, AT A MINIMUM:

16 (a) THE TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE
17 PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES THROUGH THE USE
18 OF TELEMEDICINE;

19 (b) THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND TRAINING NEEDS OF THE
20 DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES
21 THROUGH THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE AND THE ESTIMATED COST OF
22 MEETING THOSE NEEDS;

23 (c) THE ESTIMATED COST SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING
24 MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES THROUGH THE USE OF
25 TELEMEDICINE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER OTHER STATES'
26 EXPERIENCES WHEN CALCULATING THE COST SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH

1 TELEMEDICINE.

2 (d) THE ESTIMATED IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMIES IF THE
3 DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE TO PROVIDE
4 MEDICAL SERVICES TO STATE INMATES.

5 (e) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007.

6 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01
7 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after
8 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting
9 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state
10 constitution (August 9, 2006, if adjournment sine die is on May 10,
11 2006); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an
12 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
13 section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of
14 the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the
15 governor.