

## **SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 22.5 Study Health Insurance High Risk Pools**

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OVERVIEW: Section 22.5 of S.L. 2017-57 requires the Department of Insurance to conduct a study on the establishment of a State high-risk health insurance pool in the event the provision of the Affordable Care Act preventing denial of insurance for pre-existing conditions is repealed. The Department must issue a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Government Operations no later than March 1, 2018. The report must contain the following information: an update on changes to the Affordable Care Act, the design and cost of a State high-risk insurance pool, sources of funding for a State high-risk insurance pool, recommendations regarding the options studied, and proposed legislation.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.

