SENATE BILL NO. 465
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “AN ACT REQUIRING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AUTHORIZED IN 2019 FOR THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC LIVELIHOOD PARTNERSHIP ACT; PROVIDING FOR TERMINATION OF THE ACT IF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT IMPLEMENTED; AMENDING SECTION 28, CHAPTER 368, LAWS OF 2015, AND SECTION 38, CHAPTER 415, LAWS OF 2019; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Medicaid expansion community engagement requirements -- direction to department of public health and human services. (1) The legislature directs the department of public health and human services to implement the community engagement requirements provided for in 53-6-1308 and 53-6-1309 no later than December 31, 2023, regardless of whether the centers for medicare and medicaid services has approved a medicaid section 1115 waiver authorizing implementation of the requirements.

(2) The legislature further directs the department of public health and human services to notify the code commissioner in writing within 10 days of the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) the department’s implementation of the community engagement requirements;

(b) the department’s decision not to implement the community engagement requirements as directed by this section; or

(c) the department’s receipt of notification from the centers for medicare and medicaid services that the centers for medicare and medicaid services will take action to prevent the state from implementing the community engagement requirements or monetarily penalize the state for implementing the requirements.

Section 2. Section 28, Chapter 368, Laws of 2015, is amended to read:

“Section 28. Termination. (1) [This act] terminates June 30, 2019 December 31, 2023.”
(2) The department may reapply for the same waiver received to implement the Montana Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership Act program if the waiver expires before June 30, 2019."

Section 3. Section 38, Chapter 415, Laws of 2019, is amended to read:

"Section 38. Section 28, Chapter 368, Laws of 2015, is amended to read:


(2) The department may reapply for the same waiver received to implement the Montana Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership Act program if the waiver expires before June 30, 2019 June 30, 2025."

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date -- contingent effective date. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), [this act] is effective on passage and approval.

(2) [Sections 2 and 3] are effective on the date that the director of the department of public health and human services certifies in writing to the code commissioner that either of the contingencies in [section 1(2)(b) or (2)(c)] has occurred.