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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Gombosky, Cox, Cody, Schual-Berke, Edwards and Santos)

Brief Description: Authorizing regional health care access demonstration projects.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that efforts are currently underway in local areas to identify and implement innovative approaches to increasing access to health coverage and health services for low-income families and people with disabilities or chronic health conditions. Some of these innovative approaches require flexibility on the part of the state in its health care purchasing, administration of eligibility determination and enrollment processes, or regulatory activities.

Declares an intent to further local efforts by initiating an implementation planning process, and giving the department of social and health services, the health care authority, and the office of the insurance commissioner authority to waive certain statutory requirements needed to grant applications for regional health care access demonstration projects.