

S.255 - Rep. Poirier Health Care Advocate language

Sec. X. 18 V.S.A. § 9456(d) is amended to read:

(d)(1) Annually, the Board shall establish a budget for each hospital by September 15, followed by a written decision by October 1. Each hospital shall operate within the budget established under this section.

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(3) The Office of the Health Care Advocate shall have the right to intervene in any hospital budget review under this section. As an intervenor, the Office of the Health Care Advocate shall receive copies of all materials in the record and may:

(A) ask questions of any participant in the Board's hospital budget review;

(B) submit written comments for the Board's consideration; and

(C) provide testimony in any hearing held in conjunction with the Board's hospital budget review.