

Amendment to HB 601-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the provision of a closed loop referral system for the department of health  
4 and human services.  
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Purpose. The general court finds that this act is necessary to ensure legislative input and  
9 direction to implement informed consent as a protection of individual rights to privacy before the  
10 department of health and human services implements and develops a closed loop referral system  
11 where personal information will be stored in a single master index file available to third parties.

12 2 Department of Health and Human Services; Closed Loop Referral System. Notwithstanding  
13 any other provision of the law to the contrary, the sole source grant agreement to Unite USA, Inc. of  
14 Nashua in the amount of \$700,000 for the provision of a closed loop referral system, as referenced by  
15 the department of health and human services and contained in the governor and council information  
16 item dated October 19, 2020, to enhance care coordination by connecting clients to services via  
17 phone, in person, or via the Internet, shall not be implemented before July 1, 2022.

18 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**AMENDED ANALYSIS**

This bill requires that the sole source grant agreement to provide a closed loop referral system to the department of health and human services shall not be effective before July 1, 2022.