

House Amendment 1457

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1 1 Amend House File 586 as follows:
1 2 #1. By striking everything after the enacting
1 3 clause and inserting the following:
1 4 <Section 1. TASK FORCE == MEDICARE PART D
1 5 IMPLEMENTATION.
1 6 1. The department of human services shall convene
1 7 a task force to determine the most efficient means of
1 8 implementing the Medicare drug benefit established as
1 9 Medicare Part D under the federal Medicare
1 10 Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act
1 11 of 2003. The task force shall consist of all of the
1 12 following voting members:
1 13 a. The director of human services, or the
1 14 director's designee.
1 15 b. The director of the department of elder
1 16 affairs, or the director's designee.
1 17 c. The director of public health, or the
1 18 director's designee.
1 19 d. A representative of the area agencies on aging.
1 20 e. A representative of the AARP.
1 21 f. A representative of the governor's
1 22 developmental disabilities council.
1 23 g. A representative of the insurance division of
1 24 the department of commerce.
1 25 h. A representative of the national alliance for
1 26 the mentally ill Iowa.
1 27 i. A representative of the United States social
1 28 security administration.
1 29 j. A representative of the Iowa association of
1 30 homes and services for the aging.
1 31 k. A representative of the Iowa health care
1 32 association.
1 33 l. A representative of the Iowa state association
1 34 of counties.
1 35 m. A representative of the Iowa council of health
1 36 care centers.
1 37 n. Eight members of the general assembly.
1 38 2. a. The legislative members of the task force
1 39 shall be appointed by the republican and democratic
1 40 leaders of the senate, after consultation with the
1 41 president of the senate, and by the speaker of the
1 42 house of representatives, after consultation with the
1 43 majority leader and the minority leader of the house
1 44 of representatives. The legislative appointments
1 45 shall comply with sections 69.16 and 69.16A.
1 46 b. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by
1 47 the original appointing authority and in the manner of
1 48 the original appointments.
1 49 3. The task force shall elect a chairperson. A
1 50 majority of the members of the task force shall
2 1 constitute a quorum. A majority vote of those members
2 2 present shall be required for any action of the task
2 3 force. The department of human services shall provide
2 4 staffing for the task force.
2 5 4. The task force shall make recommendations
2 6 regarding all of the following:
2 7 a. Issues related to low-income elderly and
2 8 individuals with disabilities who are enrolled in both
2 9 Medicaid and Medicare, or "dual eligibles", who will
2 10 no longer be eligible for coverage of prescription
2 11 drugs under Medicaid.
2 12 b. The extent to which the state will provide
2 13 benefits to wraparound Medicare Part D benefits.
2 14 c. Administration of the subsidy for low-income
2 15 beneficiaries.
2 16 d. General administration of the Medicare Part D
2 17 program throughout the state.
2 18 5. The task force shall submit a report of its
2 19 findings and recommendations to the oversight
2 20 committee of the general assembly no later than
2 21 October 1, 2005.
2 22 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
2 23 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.>
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