

107 24 Sec. 99. LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY == LEGISLATIVE  
107 25 COMMISSION ON AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE PLANS FOR SMALL  
107 26 BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated  
107 27 from the health care trust fund created in section 453A.35A to  
107 28 the legislative services agency for the legislative commission  
107 29 on affordable health care plans for small businesses as  
107 30 enacted by this Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
107 31 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so  
107 32 much thereof as is necessary, for the purpose designated:  
107 33 For carrying out the duties of the commission and the  
107 34 health care data research advisory council:  
107 35 ..... \$ 500,000  
108 1 Of the amount appropriated in this section, a portion shall  
108 2 be used for the health and long-term-care workforce review to  
108 3 be conducted by the department of public health as described  
108 4 in this Act.

124 27 DIVISION XII  
124 28 COMMISSION ON AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE  
124 29 Sec. 127. LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE  
124 30 PLANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES.  
124 31 1. A legislative commission on affordable health care  
124 32 plans for small businesses and families is created for the  
124 33 2007 legislative interim. The legislative services agency  
124 34 shall provide staffing assistance to the commission.  
124 35 a. The commission shall include 10 members of the general  
125 1 assembly, three appointed by the majority leader of the  
125 2 senate, two appointed by the minority leader of the senate,  
125 3 three appointed by the speaker of the house of  
125 4 representatives, and two appointed by the minority leader of  
125 5 the house of representatives.  
125 6 b. The commission shall include members of the public  
125 7 appointed by the legislative council from designees of the  
125 8 following:  
125 9 (1) Two members who are small business owners, one  
125 10 designated by the Iowa association of business and industry,  
125 11 and one designated by the national federation of independent  
125 12 business.  
125 13 (2) One hospital administrator designated by the Iowa  
125 14 hospital association.  
125 15 (3) Two health care providers, one a physician designated  
125 16 by the Iowa medical society, and one a nurse designated by the  
125 17 Iowa nurses association.  
125 18 (4) One individual insurance agent designated by the  
125 19 independent insurance agents of Iowa.  
125 20 (5) One representative of an insurance carrier designated  
125 21 by the federation of Iowa insurers.  
125 22 (6) One individual health insurance agent designated by  
125 23 the Iowa association of health underwriters.  
125 24 c. The commission shall include five consumers appointed  
125 25 by the governor.  
125 26 d. The commission shall include the following members, or

125 27 their designees, as ex officio members:

125 28 (1) The commissioner of insurance.

125 29 (2) The director of human services.

125 30 (3) The director of public health.

125 31 e. At least one of the members appointed or designated  
125 32 pursuant to paragraph "a", "b", or "c" shall be a member of a  
125 33 racial minority group.

125 34 2. The chairpersons of the commission shall be those  
125 35 members of the general assembly so appointed by the majority  
126 1 leader of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
126 2 representatives. Legislative members of the commission are  
126 3 eligible for per diem and reimbursement of actual expenses as  
126 4 provided in section 2.10. Consumers appointed to the  
126 5 commission by the governor pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph  
126 6 "c", are entitled to receive a per diem as specified in  
126 7 section 7E.6 for each day spent in performance of duties as  
126 8 members, and shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary  
126 9 expenses incurred in the performance of duties as members of  
126 10 the commission.

126 11 3. The commission shall review, analyze, and make  
126 12 recommendations on issues relating to the affordability of  
126 13 health care for Iowans including but not limited to:

126 14 a. The benefits and costs of requiring all residents of  
126 15 Iowa to have health insurance coverage, including but not  
126 16 limited to individual mandates and proposals from other  
126 17 states.

126 18 b. The benefits and costs of providing health insurance  
126 19 coverage to all children in the state, with a particular  
126 20 emphasis on children's health issues.

126 21 c. Uninsured and underinsured Iowans with a special focus  
126 22 on determining the characteristics of the uninsured and  
126 23 underinsured populations, why such persons are uninsured or  
126 24 underinsured, and the most effective and efficient means to  
126 25 provide insurance coverage to such persons, including through  
126 26 government programs.

126 27 d. Major factors and trends that are likely to impact the  
126 28 cost of premiums and affordability of health care during the  
126 29 next ten years, including but not limited to effects of  
126 30 mandates, levels of coverage, costs and pricing of treatments,  
126 31 cost-sharing and cost-cutting measures, cost-shifting  
126 32 measures, collaborative opportunities, subsidies, reinsurance  
126 33 plans, risk pooling, and wellness and disease prevention  
126 34 initiatives.

126 35 4. The commission shall utilize the expertise of the  
127 1 health care data research advisory council in carrying out the  
127 2 commission's duties.

127 3 5. The commission may hold public hearings to allow  
127 4 persons and organizations to be heard and to gather  
127 5 information.

127 6 6. The commission may request from any state agency or  
127 7 official information and assistance as needed to perform the  
127 8 review and analysis required in subsection 3. A state agency  
127 9 or official shall furnish the information or assistance  
127 10 requested within the authority and resources of the state  
127 11 agency or official. This subsection does not allow the  
127 12 examination or copying of any public record required by law to  
127 13 be kept confidential.

127 14 7. The commission may employ staff and consultants as  
127 15 necessary to assist the commission in carrying out its duties  
127 16 as set forth in this section.

127 17 8. The commission shall complete its deliberations in  
127 18 December 2007 and submit a final report to the general  
127 19 assembly for consideration during the 2008 Legislative  
127 20 Session, summarizing the commission's activities, analyzing  
127 21 issues studied, making recommendations for legislative reforms  
127 22 that will make health insurance coverage more affordable for  
127 23 small businesses and families in this state, and including any  
127 24 other information that the commission deems relevant and  
127 25 necessary.

127 26 Sec. 128. HEALTH CARE DATA RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL.

127 27 1. A health care data research advisory council is created  
127 28 for the purpose of assisting the legislative commission on  
127 29 affordable health care plans for small businesses and families  
127 30 in carrying out the commission's duties by conducting  
127 31 research, providing research data and analysis, and performing  
127 32 other functions within the expertise of the members of the  
127 33 council at the direction of the commission.

127 34 2. The council membership shall be appointed by the  
127 35 legislative council and shall include but is not limited to  
128 1 the following:

128 2 a. A representative of the university of Iowa college of  
128 3 medicine.

128 4 b. A representative of the university of Iowa college of  
128 5 dentistry.

128 6 c. A representative of the university of Iowa college of  
128 7 pharmacy.

128 8 d. A representative of the university of Iowa college of  
128 9 nursing.

128 10 e. A representative of the university of Iowa college of  
128 11 public health.

128 12 f. A representative of Des Moines university ==  
128 13 osteopathic medical center.

128 14 g. A representative of the Drake university college of  
128 15 pharmacy.

128 16 h. A representative of an Iowa college of health sciences.

128 17 i. A representative of the Iowa public health association.

128 18 Sec. 129. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act,  
128 19 being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon  
128 20 enactment.

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