

SENATE FILE 62

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a committee to develop a long-range,  
 2 comprehensive, and integrated plan for delivering support and  
 3 services to senior citizens.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. ELDERLY CARE COMMITTEE.

2 1. The governor shall appoint an elderly care committee  
3 with membership comprised of senior citizen services consumers  
4 aged sixty and over, members of the general assembly, senior  
5 citizen service providers, and senior citizen service funding  
6 sources. Appointees from the general assembly shall represent  
7 both political parties and houses of the general assembly.  
8 Senior citizen service provider appointees may include, but  
9 are not limited to, providers of assisted living, adult day  
10 care, adult foster home care, elder group home care, case  
11 management services, and nursing home care. Senior citizen  
12 service funding sources may include, but are not limited to,  
13 state and federal financial assistance programs such as  
14 Medicare, medicaid, the social security administration, and  
15 private lending and health care benefit organizations. A  
16 minimum of sixty percent of the committee membership must be  
17 made up of senior citizens age sixty and over.

18 2. The committee shall develop a recommendation for a  
19 comprehensive policy addressing the needs of aging citizens  
20 and the delivery of services to senior citizens age sixty and  
21 over which defines progressive levels of senior citizen care,  
22 identifies licensing or regulatory issues, and streamlines  
23 access to funding sources. In developing its recommendation,  
24 the committee, with the assistance of the department of elder  
25 affairs, shall identify current service options, delivery  
26 systems, and payment sources and recommend changes in current  
27 policies, programs, and funding to establish a system of  
28 defined care options available to citizens age sixty and over  
29 based on need and personal choice.

30 3. The expenses of the committee and needed support  
31 services shall be paid from funds appropriated to the  
32 department of elder affairs for this purpose.

33 4. The committee shall report its recommendation to the  
34 governor and the general assembly within one year from the  
35 date of formation.

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EXPLANATION

This bill establishes an elderly care committee appointed by the governor and comprised of senior citizens age 60 and over, legislators from both houses and political parties, providers of services for senior citizens and sources of funding for those services. At least 60 percent of the membership shall have reached the age of 60. The bill contains examples of providers of senior citizen services and sources of funding for obtaining those services which may be considered by the governor in making appointments to the committee. The committee is charged with developing a recommendation for an overall aging and aging services delivery policy which defines progressive levels of senior citizen care, identifies licensing or regulatory issues, and streamlines access to funding sources. The committee shall make a report of its recommendations to the governor and the general assembly within one year from the date of formation.