

SENATE FILE 355  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1204)

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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**S-3037**

1 Amend Senate File 355 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, by striking line 24, and inserting the  
3 following:  
4 "j. A representative of the Iowa association of  
5 homes and services for the aging.  
6 k. A representative of the Iowa health care  
7 association.  
8 l. A representative of the Iowa state association  
9 of counties.  
10 m. Eight members of the general assembly."

By JOE BOLKCOM  
JAMES SEYMOUR

**S-3037 FILED MARCH 17, 2005**

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3 force to determine the most efficient means of implementing  
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6 Modernization Act of 2003. The task force shall consist of  
7 all of the following voting members:

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9 designee.

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11 director's designee.

12 c. The director of public health, or the director's  
13 designee.

14 d. A representative of the area agencies on aging.

15 e. A representative of the AARP.

16 f. A representative of the governor's developmental  
17 disabilities council.

18 g. A representative of the insurance division of the  
19 department of commerce.

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21 mentally ill Iowa.

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23 administration.

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29 consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader  
30 of the house of representatives. The legislative appointments  
31 shall comply with sections 69.16 and 69.16A.

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33 original appointing authority and in the manner of the  
34 original appointments.

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3 any action of the task force. The department of human  
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**SENATE FILE 355**

**S-3052**

1 Amend the amendment, S-3037, to Senate File 355 as  
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, by striking line 10, and inserting the  
4 following:

5 "m. A representative of the Iowa council of health  
6 care centers.

7 n. Eight members of the general assembly."

**By JAMES SEYMOUR**

**S-3052 FILED MARCH 23, 2005**

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**SENATE FILE 355**

**H-1461**

- 1 Amend Senate File 355, as amended, passed, and
- 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
- 3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 14 through 17.
- 4 2. Page 1, by striking lines 20 and 21.
- 5 3. Page 1, by striking lines 24 through 31.
- 6 4. By renumbering as necessary.

By UPMEYER of Hancock

**H-1461** FILED APRIL 21, 2005  
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**SENATE FILE 355**

**H-1464**

- 1 Amend Senate File 355, as amended, passed, and
- 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
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**H-1464** FILED APRIL 21, 2005  
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**HOUSE AMENDMENT TO  
SENATE FILE 355**

**S-3162**

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HUMAN SERVICES BILL)

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# STATE OF IOWA

THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR  
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
KEVIN W. CONCANNON, DIRECTOR

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Kate Walton, Legislative Liaison *KW*  
Iowa Department of Human Services

DATE: January 11, 2005

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) is proposing the creation of a task force to examine implementation issues concerning the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act for Iowa.

The task force would include four members of the general assembly and representatives from three state agencies (Human Services, Health, and Elder Affairs), and would be staffed by the Department of Human Services.

The task force will gather information about significant issues relating this new Medicare Drug benefit, and make a report including recommendations to the 81<sup>st</sup> Iowa General Assembly to guide Iowa's response to the implementation of the new Prescription Drug benefit.

A significant number of Iowans will be eligible for prescription drug benefits under the new Medicare Prescription Drug program. For some, the new program may result in medication changes from those they currently take. The task force will consider the policy and budgetary issues involved, including consideration of a Medicare Prescription Drug wraparound program funded by the state of Iowa to reduce the impact of potential changes in beneficiary eligibility for coverage of some current medications.

The task force will provide an important opportunity for the legislature to become fully informed of the implications of the new federal program, the impact to citizens of Iowa, and of the choices Iowa will have around the implementation of the new program.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at 281-4387 or at [kw Walton@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:kw Walton@dhs.state.ia.us).