

Senate Study Bill 1201

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BY (PROPOSED LONG=TERM CARE
SYSTEM TASK FORCE BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a state vision for the
2 long-term living system.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 231E.1 VISION FOR IOWA'S LONG=
1 2 TERM LIVING SYSTEM.
1 3 1. The general assembly finds and declares that the vision
1 4 for Iowa's long-term living system is to ensure all Iowans
1 5 access to an extensive range of high-quality, affordable, and
1 6 cost-effective long-term living options that maximize
1 7 independence, choice, and dignity for consumers.
1 8 2. The long-term living system should be comprehensive,
1 9 offering multiple services and support in home, community=
1 10 based, and facility-based settings; should utilize a universal
1 11 assessment process to ensure that such services and support
1 12 are delivered in the most integrated and life-enhancing
1 13 setting; and should ensure that such services and support are
1 14 provided by a well-trained, motivated workforce.
1 15 3. The long-term living system should exist in a
1 16 regulatory climate that appropriately ensures the health,
1 17 safety, and welfare of consumers, while not being overly
1 18 restrictive or inflexible.
1 19 4. The long-term living system should sustain existing
1 20 informal care systems including family, friends, volunteers,
1 21 and community resources; should encourage innovation through
1 22 the use of technology and new delivery and financing models,
1 23 including housing; should provide incentives to consumers for
1 24 private financing of long-term living services and support;
1 25 and should allow Iowans to live independently as long as they
1 26 desire.
1 27 5. Information regarding all components of the long-term
1 28 living system should be effectively communicated to all
1 29 persons potentially impacted by the need for long-term living
1 30 services and support in order to empower consumers to plan,
1 31 evaluate, and make decisions about how best to meet their own
1 32 long-term living needs.

EXPLANATION

1 33
1 34 This bill establishes a state vision for the long-term
1 35 living system in Iowa. The system is to ensure all Iowans
2 1 access to an extensive range of high-quality, affordable, and
2 2 cost-effective long-term living options that maximize
2 3 independence, choice, and dignity. The system is to be
2 4 comprehensive, utilize a universal assessment process, and
2 5 ensure that services and support are provided by a well=
2 6 trained, motivated workforce. The bill directs that the long=
2 7 term living system exist in a regulatory climate that
2 8 appropriately ensures the health, safety, and welfare of
2 9 consumers, while not being overly restrictive or inflexible.
2 10 The bill provides that the system should sustain existing
2 11 informal care systems, encourage innovation, provide
2 12 incentives to consumers for private financing of long-term
2 13 living services and support, and allow Iowans to live
2 14 independently as long as they desire. The bill directs that
2 15 information regarding all components of the long-term living
2 16 system should be effectively communicated to all persons
2 17 potentially impacted by the need for long-term living services

2 18 and support in order to empower consumers to plan, evaluate,
2 19 and make decisions about how best to meet their own long-term
2 20 living needs.
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