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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an interim commission on affordable health care  
2 plans for small businesses and families and a health care data  
3 research advisory council, and making an appropriation.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. INTERIM COMMISSION ON AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE  
1 2 PLANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES.  
1 3 1. An interim commission on affordable health care plans  
1 4 for small businesses and families is created consisting of 19  
1 5 members. The legislative services agency shall provide  
1 6 staffing assistance to the commission.  
1 7 a. The commission shall include 10 members of the general  
1 8 assembly, three appointed by the majority leader of the  
1 9 senate, two appointed by the minority leader of the senate,  
1 10 three appointed by the speaker of the house of  
1 11 representatives, and two appointed by the minority leader of  
1 12 the house of representatives.  
1 13 b. The commission shall also include nine members of the  
1 14 public as follows:  
1 15 (1) Two members who are small business owners, one  
1 16 designated by the Iowa association of business and industry,  
1 17 and one designated by the national federation of independent  
1 18 business.  
1 19 (2) One hospital administrator designated by the Iowa  
1 20 hospital association.  
1 21 (3) Two health care providers, one a physician designated  
1 22 by the Iowa medical society, and one a nurse designated by the  
1 23 Iowa nurses association.  
1 24 (4) One individual insurance agent designated by the  
1 25 independent insurance agents of Iowa.  
1 26 (5) One representative of an insurance carrier designated  
1 27 by the federation of Iowa insurers.  
1 28 (6) Two consumers appointed by the governor.  
1 29 2. The chairpersons of the commission shall be those  
1 30 members of the general assembly so appointed by the majority  
1 31 leader of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
1 32 representatives. Legislative members of the commission are  
1 33 eligible for per diem and reimbursement of actual expenses as  
1 34 provided in section 2.10.  
1 35 3. The commission shall review, analyze, and make  
2 1 recommendations on issues relating to the affordability of  
2 2 health care for Iowans including but not limited to:  
2 3 a. The benefits and costs of requiring all residents of  
2 4 Iowa to have health insurance coverage, including but not  
2 5 limited to individual mandates and proposals from other  
2 6 states.  
2 7 b. Uninsured and underinsured Iowans with a special focus  
2 8 on determining the characteristics of the uninsured and  
2 9 underinsured populations, why such persons are uninsured or  
2 10 underinsured, and the most effective and efficient means to  
2 11 provide insurance coverage to such persons, including through  
2 12 government programs.  
2 13 c. Major factors and trends that are likely to impact the  
2 14 cost of premiums and affordability of health care during the  
2 15 next ten years, including but not limited to effects of  
2 16 mandates, levels of coverage, costs and pricing of treatments,  
2 17 cost-sharing and cost-cutting measures, cost-shifting

2 18 measures, collaborative opportunities, subsidies, reinsurance  
2 19 plans, risk pooling, and wellness and disease prevention  
2 20 initiatives.

2 21 4. The commission shall utilize the expertise of the  
2 22 health care data research advisory council in carrying out the  
2 23 commission's duties.

2 24 5. The commission may hold public hearings to allow  
2 25 persons and organizations to be heard and to gather  
2 26 information.

2 27 6. The commission may request from any state agency or  
2 28 official information and assistance as needed to perform the  
2 29 review and analysis required in subsection 3. A state agency  
2 30 or official shall furnish the information or assistance  
2 31 requested within the authority and resources of the state  
2 32 agency or official. This subsection does not allow the  
2 33 examination or copying of any public record required by law to  
2 34 be kept confidential.

2 35 7. The commission may employ staff and consultants as  
3 1 necessary to assist the commission in carrying out its duties  
3 2 as set forth in this section.

3 3 8. The commission shall submit a final report to the  
3 4 general assembly no later than December 1, 2007, summarizing  
3 5 the commission's activities, analyzing issues studied, making  
3 6 recommendations for legislative reforms that will make health  
3 7 insurance coverage more affordable for small businesses and  
3 8 families in this state, and including any other information  
3 9 that the commission deems relevant and necessary.

3 10 Sec. 2. HEALTH CARE DATA RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL.

3 11 1. A health care data research advisory council is created  
3 12 for the purpose of assisting the commission on affordable  
3 13 health care plans for small businesses and families in  
3 14 carrying out the commission's duties by conducting research,  
3 15 providing research data and analysis, and performing other  
3 16 functions within the expertise of the members of the council  
3 17 at the direction of the commission.

3 18 2. The commission shall include the following members:

3 19 a. A representative of the university of Iowa college of  
3 20 medicine.

3 21 b. A representative of the university of Iowa college of  
3 22 dentistry.

3 23 c. A representative of the university of Iowa college of  
3 24 pharmacy.

3 25 d. A representative of the university of Iowa college of  
3 26 nursing.

3 27 e. A representative of the university of Iowa college of  
3 28 public health.

3 29 f. A representative of Des Moines university ==  
3 30 osteopathic medical center.

3 31 g. A representative of the Drake university college of  
3 32 pharmacy.

3 33 h. A representative of the Mercy college of health  
3 34 sciences.

3 35 Sec. 3. INTERIM COMMISSION ON AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE PLANS

4 1 FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES APPROPRIATION. There is  
4 2 appropriated from the health care trust fund created in  
4 3 section 453A.35A or similar fund, if enacted by the  
4 4 Eighty-second General Assembly, 2007 Session, to the interim  
4 5 commission on affordable health care plans for small  
4 6 businesses and families for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
4 7 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so  
4 8 much thereof as is necessary, for the purpose designated:

4 9 For carrying out the duties of the commission and the  
4 10 health care data research advisory council as set forth in  
4 11 this division:

4 12 ..... \$ 500,000

4 13 EXPLANATION

4 14 This bill creates an interim commission on affordable  
4 15 health care plans for small businesses and families to review  
4 16 and analyze possible health insurance reforms to make health  
4 17 care coverage more affordable for small businesses and  
4 18 families in this state.

4 19 The commission consists of 19 members including 10 members  
4 20 of the general assembly with three appointed by the majority  
4 21 leader of the senate, two appointed by the minority leader of  
4 22 the senate, three appointed by the speaker of the house of  
4 23 representatives, and two appointed by the minority leader of  
4 24 the house of representatives. The commission also includes  
4 25 two members who are small business owners, one hospital  
4 26 administrator, a physician, a nurse, an individual insurance  
4 27 agent, and a representative of an insurance carrier, who are  
4 28 designated by specified organizations, and two consumers

4 29 appointed by the governor.

4 30 Legislative members of the commission are eligible for per  
4 31 diem and reimbursement of actual expenses as provided in Code  
4 32 section 2.10.

4 33 The commission is required to review, analyze, and make  
4 34 recommendations on issues relating to the affordability of  
4 35 health care for Iowans including but not limited to issues  
5 1 specified in the bill.

5 2 The commission is authorized to hold public hearings and  
5 3 request information from state agencies and officers and to  
5 4 employ staff and consultants as necessary to assist it in  
5 5 performing its charge.

5 6 The commission is required to submit a final report to the  
5 7 general assembly no later than December 1, 2007, summarizing  
5 8 the commission's activities, analyzing the issues studied,  
5 9 making recommendations for legislative reforms that will make  
5 10 health insurance more affordable for small businesses and  
5 11 families, and including any other information that the  
5 12 commission deems relevant and necessary.

5 13 The bill creates a health care data research advisory  
5 14 council for the purpose of assisting the commission in  
5 15 carrying out the commission's duties by conducting research,  
5 16 providing research data and analysis, and performing other  
5 17 functions within the expertise of members of the council at  
5 18 the direction of the commission.

5 19 The bill specifies that the health care data research  
5 20 advisory council shall include the following members: a  
5 21 representative of the university of Iowa college of medicine,  
5 22 a representative of the university of Iowa college of  
5 23 dentistry, a representative of the university of Iowa college  
5 24 of pharmacy, a representative of the university of Iowa  
5 25 college of nursing, a representative of the university of Iowa  
5 26 college of public health, a representative of Des Moines  
5 27 university == osteopathic medical center, a representative of  
5 28 Drake university college of pharmacy, and a representative of  
5 29 Mercy college of health sciences.

5 30 The bill appropriates \$500,000 to the commission for the  
5 31 2007=2008 fiscal year to carry out its duties and the duties  
5 32 of the health care data research advisory council as set forth  
5 33 in the bill.

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