

Senate File 227 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an emergency medical services task force.

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

1 Section 1. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TASK FORCE AND
2 REPORT.

3 1. The department of public health shall establish a task
4 force to ensure the future availability of quality emergency
5 medical services for the state.

6 2. The members of the task force shall be appointed by the
7 director of the department of public health, or the director's
8 designee, as follows:

9 a. A manager of a rural volunteer emergency medical
10 transport service.

11 b. A manager of a rural paid emergency medical transport
12 service.

13 c. A manager of an urban emergency medical transport
14 service.

15 d. A manager of a nontransport emergency medical service.

16 e. A representative of a fire department-based emergency
17 medical service.

18 f. A representative of a hospital-based emergency medical
19 service.

20 g. A representative of a private, for-profit emergency
21 medical transport service.

22 h. A representative of a not-for-profit emergency medical
23 transport service.

24 i. A representative of the Iowa emergency medical services
25 association board of directors.

26 j. A representative of an emergency medical services
27 training agency.

28 k. An urban emergency department physician.

29 l. A rural emergency department physician.

30 m. A representative of the Iowa emergency nurses
31 association.

32 n. A representative of the Iowa alliance in home care.

33 3. The task force shall discuss the current state of
34 emergency medical services in Iowa and make recommendations for
35 enhancement of Iowa's emergency medical services system. The

1 recommendations shall address issues facing volunteer and paid
2 rural emergency medical services, cost projections including
3 administration costs for all recommendations, the Medicaid
4 reimbursement fee schedule for ambulance services, and the
5 nature and scope of any recommended changes in regulations
6 governing emergency medical services.

7 4. The task force shall, by April 30, 2014, submit a
8 report of its findings and recommendations to the governor,
9 the general assembly, the department of public health, and the
10 emergency medical services advisory council. The emergency
11 medical services advisory council shall review the report and
12 make recommendations related to implementation of the report's
13 recommendations to the director of the department of public
14 health.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill establishes an emergency medical services task
17 force to ensure the future availability of quality emergency
18 medical services for the state. The director of the department
19 of public health, or the director's designee, must appoint
20 the members of the 14-person task force as provided in the
21 bill. The bill requires the task force to discuss the current
22 state of emergency medical services in the state and make
23 recommendations to enhance Iowa's emergency medical services
24 system. The bill requires the task force to submit a report of
25 its findings and recommendations to the governor, the general
26 assembly, the department of public health, and the emergency
27 medical services advisory council by April 30, 2014. The bill
28 requires the emergency medical services advisory council to
29 review the report and make recommendations for implementation
30 to the director of the department of public health.