

Senate File 346 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 346
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 227)

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 o. A representative of an emergency medical service air
34 ambulance.

35 p. A representative of the Iowa hospital association.

1 q. A representative of the private insurance industry.

2 r. A representative of the Iowa Medicaid enterprise
3 division of the department of human services.

4 s. A representative of city government.

5 t. A representative of county government.

6 u. A representative of the nursing facility industry.

7 v. A representative of the Iowa behavioral health
8 association.

9 w. A consumer of emergency medical services.

10 3. The task force shall discuss the current state of
11 emergency medical services in Iowa and make recommendations for
12 enhancement of Iowa's emergency medical services system. The
13 recommendations shall address issues facing volunteer and paid
14 rural emergency medical services, cost projections including
15 administration costs for all recommendations, the Medicaid
16 reimbursement fee schedule for ambulance services, and the
17 nature and scope of any recommended changes in regulations
18 governing emergency medical services.

19 4. The task force shall, by April 30, 2014, submit a
20 report of its findings and recommendations to the governor,
21 the general assembly, the department of public health, and the
22 emergency medical services advisory council. The emergency
23 medical services advisory council shall review the report and
24 make recommendations related to implementation of the report's
25 recommendations to the director of the department of public
26 health.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill establishes an emergency medical services
29 task force to ensure the future availability of quality
30 emergency medical services for the state. The director of
31 the department of public health, or the director's designee,
32 must appoint the members of the task force as provided in the
33 bill. The bill requires the task force to discuss the current
34 state of emergency medical services in the state and make
35 recommendations to enhance Iowa's emergency medical services

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4 medical services advisory council by April 30, 2014. The bill
5 requires the emergency medical services advisory council to
6 review the report and make recommendations for implementation
7 to the director of the department of public health.