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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1204)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the creation of a task force to provide for
2 the implementation of Medicare Part D and providing an
3 effective date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. TASK FORCE == MEDICARE PART D IMPLEMENTATION.
1 2 1. The department of human services shall convene a task
1 3 force to determine the most efficient means of implementing
1 4 the Medicare drug benefit established as Medicare Part D under
1 5 the federal Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and
1 6 Modernization Act of 2003. The task force shall consist of
1 7 all of the following voting members:
1 8 a. The director of human services, or the director's
1 9 designee.
1 10 b. The director of the department of elder affairs, or the
1 11 director's designee.
1 12 c. The director of public health, or the director's
1 13 designee.
1 14 d. A representative of the area agencies on aging.
1 15 e. A representative of the AARP.
1 16 f. A representative of the governor's developmental
1 17 disabilities council.
1 18 g. A representative of the insurance division of the
1 19 department of commerce.
1 20 h. A representative of the national alliance for the
1 21 mentally ill Iowa.
1 22 i. A representative of the United States social security
1 23 administration.
1 24 j. A representative of the Iowa association of homes and
1 25 services for the aging.
1 26 k. A representative of the Iowa health care association.
1 27 l. A representative of the Iowa state association of
1 28 counties.
1 29 m. A representative of the Iowa council of health care
1 30 centers.
1 31 n. Eight members of the general assembly.
1 32 2. a. The legislative members of the task force shall be
1 33 appointed by the republican and democratic leaders of the
1 34 senate, after consultation with the president of the senate,
1 35 and by the speaker of the house of representatives, after
2 1 consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader
2 2 of the house of representatives. The legislative appointments
2 3 shall comply with sections 69.16 and 69.16A.
2 4 b. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by the
2 5 original appointing authority and in the manner of the
2 6 original appointments.
2 7 3. The task force shall elect a chairperson. A majority
2 8 of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum. A
2 9 majority vote of those members present shall be required for
2 10 any action of the task force. The department of human
2 11 services shall provide staffing for the task force.
2 12 4. The task force shall make recommendations regarding all
2 13 of the following:
2 14 a. Issues related to low-income elderly and individuals
2 15 with disabilities who are enrolled in both Medicaid and
2 16 Medicare, or "dual eligibles", who will no longer be eligible
2 17 for coverage of prescription drugs under Medicaid.

2 18 b. The extent to which the state will provide benefits to
2 19 wraparound Medicare Part D benefits.
2 20 c. Administration of the subsidy for low-income
2 21 beneficiaries.
2 22 d. General administration of the Medicare Part D program
2 23 throughout the state.
2 24 5. The task force shall submit a report of its findings
2 25 and recommendations to the oversight committee of the general
2 26 assembly no later than October 1, 2005.
2 27 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
2 28 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
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