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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates a task force to study consumer access to preferred provider plans, point of service plans, and other open panel plans for health care coverage.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Purpose

The bill creates a task force to study the issue of whether access to preferred provider plans, point of service plans, and other open panel plans for health care coverage is available and at what cost, whether there are any obstacles to access, and whether those types of health care plans enhance or impede consumer access to quality and affordable health care. The task force is required to prepare and submit a report of its findings to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairs of the standing committees of the House and Senate with primary responsibility for insurance legislation by March 31, 2000.

Task force members

The task force is to consist of 13 members:

- (1) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House in consultation with the minority leader;
- (2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate in consultation with the minority leader;
- (3) The Superintendent of Insurance or the Superintendent's designee;

(4) Two representatives of health care providers who provide health care services in this state, one of which is appointed by the Speaker of the House and one of which is appointed by the Senate President;

(5) One representative of a health insuring corporation (HIC) authorized to operate in this state and offering a point of service health care plan who is appointed by the Senate President;

(6) One representative of a HIC authorized to operate in this state, other than a HIC that is offering a point of service plan, who is appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(7) Two representatives of employers in Ohio, one that employs fewer than 25 individuals and one that employs more than 25, both of whom are appointed by the Governor (the employers may not be any of the task force members listed in (4), (5), and (6));

(8) Two representatives of Ohio consumers who are appointed by the Governor.

Appointments to the task force must be made not later than 30 days after the bill's effective date.

The Speaker of the House and the Senate President must each designate a member of the majority party of the House and Senate who are appointed to the task force to serve as a co-chairperson. The task force is required to meet at the call of either of the co-chairpersons. Members of the task force are not to be compensated for their service, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses in performing the official duties of the task force. The task force ceases to exist when its report is submitted.

Task force support

The Director of the Legislative Service Commission is required to provide staff support within the Commission's current budget appropriation at the Commission's direction. With the approval of the Speaker of the House and the Senate President, the task force may request that the Controlling Board appropriate funds for services not provided by the Legislative Service Commission.

HISTORY

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