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*Bill Analysis*  
*Legislative Service Commission*

## **H.B. 687**

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(As Introduced)

**Reps. Schuring, Tiberi, Roman, Willamowski, Grendell, Hollister, Olman,  
Schuler, Jolivette, Allen, Barrett, Hartnett**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Creates a task force to evaluate the forms used by health insurers and to make recommendations regarding the standardization of these forms.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Creation of task force; duties**

(Section 1)

The bill creates a task force; this task force is required to evaluate the forms used by health insurers, including, but not limited to, those that relate to claims, applications for coverage, and explanation of benefits. Following its evaluation, the task force is required to make findings and recommendations regarding the standardization of health insurance forms. The legislation requires the task force to prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations for legislation 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 of Representatives and Senate with primary responsibility for health insurance legislation. This report must be submitted not later than December 31, 2001.

#### **Appointments to the task force; meetings; termination of the task force**

The bill mandates that the task force be composed of the following 14 members:

--A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

--A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

--Two representatives of health insuring corporations authorized under the Health Insuring Corporations Law to operate in Ohio, appointed by the Governor;

--Two representatives of sickness and accident insurers authorized under the Sickness and Accident Insurance Law to operate in Ohio, appointed by the Governor;

--Two representatives of health care practitioners authorized under the Occupations and Professions Law, Title 47 of the Ohio Revised Code, to practice in Ohio, appointed by the Governor;

--Two representatives of employers in Ohio, appointed by the Governor;

--Two representatives of hospitals authorized under the Hospitals Law to operate in Ohio, appointed by the Governor;

--Two representatives of consumers in Ohio, appointed by the Governor.

The legislation requires that the specified appointments to the task force be made not later than 30 days after the bill's effective date. The legislation specifies that the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate are to serve as co-chairpersons of the task force.

The task force is required to convene not later than 60 days after the bill's effective date. Thereafter, the task force is to meet at the call of either of the co-chairpersons. The members of the task force are to serve without compensation; however, the bill allows members to receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official task force duties. The task force ceases to exist on submission of its report.

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## **HISTORY**

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