

HOUSE BILL No. 2114

By Committee on Children and Seniors

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1 AN ACT concerning the legislature; establishing the Kansas senior care
2 task force; prescribing topics of study; membership; meeting
3 requirements; records; report.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas senior care task
7 force. The task force shall study the following topics:

8 (1) The provision of care for seniors in the state of Kansas who suffer
9 from Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other age-related mental health
10 conditions;

11 (2) the administration of antipsychotic medications to adult care
12 home residents;

13 (3) the safeguards to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation of
14 seniors in the state of Kansas;

15 (4) adult care home surveys and fines;

16 (5) the funding and implementation of the Kansas senior care act,
17 K.S.A. 75-5926 through 75-5936, and amendments thereto; and

18 (6) senior daycare resources in the state of Kansas.

19 (b) The Kansas senior care task force shall consist of the following
20 members:

21 (1) The chairperson of the senate standing committee on public health
22 and welfare;

23 (2) the vice-chairperson of the senate standing committee on public
24 health and welfare;

25 (3) the ranking minority member of the senate standing committee on
26 public health and welfare;

27 (4) the chairperson of the house of representatives standing
28 committee on children and seniors;

29 (5) the vice-chairperson of the house of representatives standing
30 committee on children and seniors;

31 (6) the ranking minority member of the house of representatives
32 standing committee on children and seniors;

33 (7) one representative of the Kansas department for aging and
34 disability services, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability
35 services;

36 (8) one representative of the department of health and environment,

1 appointed by the secretary of health and environment;

2 (9) the state long-term care ombudsman or the state long-term care
3 ombudsman's designee;

4 (10) an elder law attorney, appointed by the governor;

5 (11) one representative of the area agencies on aging, appointed by
6 the secretary for aging and disability services;

7 (12) one representative of the Kansas adult care executives
8 association, appointed by the governor;

9 (13) one representative of leadingage Kansas, appointed by
10 leadingage Kansas;

11 (14) one representative of the Kansas health care association,
12 appointed by the Kansas health care association;

13 (15) one representative of Kansas advocates for better care, appointed
14 by Kansas advocates for better care;

15 (16) one representative of the Kansas hospital association, appointed
16 by the Kansas hospital association;

17 (17) one representative of community mental health centers, as
18 defined in K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 39-2002, amendments thereto, appointed by
19 the secretary for aging and disability services;

20 (18) one representative of an adult care home, as defined in K.S.A.
21 2020 Supp. 39-923, and amendments thereto, appointed by the secretary
22 for aging and disability services;

23 (19) one representative of the American association of retired
24 persons, appointed by the American association of retired persons; and

25 (20) one representative from the home and community-based services
26 community, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services.

27 (c) (1) The first members of the Kansas senior care task force shall be
28 appointed on or before August 1, 2021. The appointing authorities listed in
29 subsection (b) shall provide notice of such appointments to the secretary
30 for aging and disability services on the date of such appointment.

31 (2) The chairperson of the house of representatives standing
32 committee on children and seniors shall serve as the first chairperson of
33 the Kansas senior care task force, and the chairperson of the senate
34 standing committee on public health and welfare shall serve as the first
35 vice-chairperson of the task force. The position of chairperson and vice-
36 chairperson shall annually alternate upon the first meeting of the task force
37 in each calendar year.

38 (3) The chairperson of the task force shall serve as the official
39 custodian of the public records of the task force. As used in this paragraph,
40 "official custodian" and "public records" mean the same as provided in the
41 Kansas open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto.

42 (4) The Kansas senior care task force may meet in an open meeting at
43 any time and at any place by any means within the state of Kansas upon

1 the call of the chairperson.

2 (5) A majority of the voting members of the Kansas senior care task
3 force constitutes a quorum. Any action by the task force shall be by motion
4 adopted by a majority of voting members present when there is a quorum.

5 (6) Any vacancy on the task force shall be filled by appointment and
6 accompanied by notice in the manner prescribed in this section for the
7 original appointment.

8 (d) The Kansas department for aging and disability services shall,
9 upon request by the Kansas senior care task force, provide data and
10 information relating to senior services in the state of Kansas that is not
11 otherwise prohibited or restricted from disclosure by state or federal law,
12 including conditions imposed by federal law or rules and regulations for
13 participation in federal programs administered by the secretary for aging
14 and disability services.

15 (e) The Kansas senior care task force shall submit a preliminary
16 progress report to the legislature detailing the task force's study under this
17 section on or before January 13, 2022, and a final report to the legislature
18 detailing the task force's study on or before January 11, 2023.

19 (f) The Kansas senior care task force's report shall include
20 recommended improvements regarding the well-being of seniors in the
21 state of Kansas, including recommended changes to state statutes, rules
22 and regulations, policies and programs.

23 (g) Staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research
24 department and the division of legislative administrative services shall
25 provide assistance as may be requested by the Kansas senior care task
26 force.

27 (h) Subject to approval by the legislative coordinating council,
28 members of the Kansas senior services task force attending meetings
29 authorized by the task force shall be paid amounts provided in K.S.A. 75-
30 3223(e), and amendments thereto, except that task force members who are
31 employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed by such state agency.

32 (i) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2023.

33 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
34 publication in the Kansas register.