

SENATE BILL No. 504

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT establishing the the parole and community corrections nursing
2 home task force.

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

5 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the parole and community
6 corrections nursing home task force. The task force shall consist of 11
7 members appointed as follows:

8 (1) Three members appointed by the secretary of the department of
9 corrections, including the chairperson of the task force;

10 (2) three members appointed by the secretary of the department for
11 aging and disability services;

12 (3) one member appointed by the attorney general;

13 (4) one member appointed by the prisoner review board;

14 (5) one member who is a director of a community corrections
15 program appointed by the governor;

16 (6) the chairperson of the corrections and juvenile justice committee
17 of the house of representatives or the chairperson's designee; and

18 (7) the chairperson of the corrections and juvenile justice committee
19 of the senate or the chairperson's designee.

20 (b) Members shall be appointed to the task force on or before August
21 1, 2016. The first meeting of the task force shall be called by the
22 chairperson on or before September 1, 2016. Any vacancy in the
23 membership of the task force shall be filled by appointment in the same
24 manner prescribed by this section for the original appointment.

25 (c) (1) The task force may meet at any time and at any place within
26 the state on the call of the chairperson. A quorum of the task force shall be
27 six members. All actions of the task force shall be by motion adopted by a
28 majority of those members present when there is a quorum.

29 (2) The staff of the office of the revisor of statutes, the legislative
30 research department and the department of corrections shall provide such
31 assistance as may be requested by the task force.

32 (c) The parole and community corrections nursing home task force
33 shall study and review the feasibility of housing aging and frail
34 populations of the department of corrections in a specialized nursing home
35 setting and submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the
36 house and senate committees on corrections and juvenile justice at the

1 beginning of the 2017 regular session of the legislature. The report shall
2 include:

3 (1) The feasibility of shifting the health and behavioral care costs of
4 aging and frail inmates to medicare, medicaid or private health insurance
5 through use of a specialized nursing home setting;

6 (2) identification of the target population to receive a medical parole
7 status and appropriate criteria for inmates to be reasonably housed in a
8 specialized nursing home setting;

9 (3) a determination of the level of security required in the specialized
10 nursing home setting to ensure a low level of risk to communities,
11 inmates, staff and other residents of such facilities; and

12 (4) legislative changes or executive action necessary to carry out the
13 recommendations of the task force.

14 (d) If approved by the legislative coordinating council, members of
15 the task force attending meetings authorized by the task force shall be paid
16 amounts for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in K.S.A. 75-
17 3223(e), and amendments thereto.

18 (e) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2017.

19 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
20 publication in the statute book.