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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the convening of a task force to determine the
2 feasibility of establishing an interstate prescription drug
3 purchasing cooperative.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. INTERSTATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASING
2 COOPERATIVE -- TASK FORCE -- REPORT.

3 1. The Iowa department of public health shall convene a
4 task force to determine the feasibility of establishing an
5 interstate prescription drug purchasing cooperative with other
6 midwestern states.

7 2. The task force shall consist of all of the following
8 members:

9 a. The director of public health, or the director's
10 designee.

11 b. The director of human services, or the director's
12 designee.

13 c. The director of the department of elder affairs, or the
14 director's designee.

15 d. The director of the department of management, or the
16 director's designee.

17 e. The chairperson of the board of pharmacy examiners, or
18 the chairperson's designee.

19 f. The chairperson of the board of medical examiners, or
20 the chairperson's designee.

21 g. One person who is a representative of the
22 pharmaceutical manufacturers, selected by the pharmaceutical
23 research and manufacturers of America.

24 h. Four members of the general assembly.

25 3. a. The legislative members of the task force shall be
26 appointed by the majority leader of the senate, after
27 consultation with the president of the senate and the minority
28 leader of the senate, and by the speaker of the house, after
29 consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader
30 of the house of representatives. The legislative appointments
31 shall comply with sections 69.16 and 69.16A. Legislative
32 members shall receive compensation pursuant to section 2.10.

33 b. Members of the task force are entitled to receive
34 reimbursement of actual expenses incurred in the discharge of
35 their duties. Public members of the task force are also

1 eligible to receive compensation as provided in section 7E.6.

2 c. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by the
3 original appointing authority and in the manner of the
4 original appointments.

5 4. The task force shall elect a chairperson. A majority
6 of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. A
7 majority vote of those members present shall be required for
8 any action of the board. The Iowa department of public health
9 shall provide staffing for the task force.

10 5. The task force shall pursue the establishment of an
11 interstate prescription drug purchasing cooperative through a
12 minimum of the following means:

13 a. Utilizing regional and national entities such as the
14 council of state governments, the national conference of state
15 legislatures, and others in establishing contact with the
16 governors and legislative leaders of other midwestern states.

17 b. Contacting the governors and legislative leaders of
18 other states with existing interstate purchasing cooperatives
19 including the states participating in the tri-state coalition
20 and the northeast legislative association on prescription drug
21 prices.

22 6. The task force shall submit a report of its findings
23 and recommendations regarding the establishment of an
24 interstate prescription drug purchasing cooperative to the
25 governor and the general assembly no later than December 15,
26 2002.

27 **EXPLANATION**

28 This bill directs the Iowa department of public health to
29 convene a task force to determine the feasibility of
30 establishing an interstate prescription drug purchasing
31 cooperative with other midwestern states. Membership of the
32 task force is to include the directors of public health, human
33 services, elder affairs, department of management, or the
34 respective director's designee; the chairpersons of the boards
35 of pharmacy examiners and medical examiners, or the respective

1 chairperson's designee; a representative of pharmaceutical
2 manufacturers, selected by the pharmaceutical research and
3 manufacturers of America; and four members of the general
4 assembly. The bill provides organizational procedures for the
5 task force and directs the task force to pursue the
6 establishment of an interstate prescription drug purchasing
7 cooperative through utilization of regional and national
8 entities such as the council of state governments and the
9 national conference of state legislatures and by contacting
10 the governors and legislative leaders of other states with
11 existing interstate purchasing cooperatives. The bill directs
12 the task force to submit a report of its findings and
13 recommendations regarding the establishment of an interstate
14 prescription drug purchasing cooperative to the governor and
15 the general assembly no later than December 15, 2002.

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