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HUMAN RESOURCES

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a task force to develop a  
2 prescription drug purchasing cooperative.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

3 1. The Iowa department of public health shall convene a  
4 task force to determine the feasibility of establishing a  
5 prescription drug purchasing cooperative. The task force  
6 shall consider the feasibility of the establishment of an  
7 interstate prescription drug purchasing cooperative or the  
8 establishment of any other type of purchasing cooperative that  
9 results in the provision of prescription drugs to Iowans at a  
10 reduced cost.

11 2. The task force shall consist of all of the following  
12 voting members:

13 a. The director of public health, or the director's  
14 designee.

15 b. The director of human services, or the director's  
16 designee.

17 c. The director of the department of elder affairs, or the  
18 director's designee.

19 d. The director of the department of management, or the  
20 director's designee.

21 e. The director of the department of personnel, or the  
22 director's designee.

23 f. Four members of the general assembly.

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

32 b. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by the  
33 original appointing authority and in the manner of the  
34 original appointments.

35 4. The task force shall elect a chairperson. A majority

1 of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum. A  
2 majority vote of those members present shall be required for  
3 any action of the task force. The Iowa department of public  
4 health and the department of human services shall cooperate in  
5 providing staffing for the task force.

6 5. All of the following shall act as advisors to the task  
7 force:

8 a. The chairperson of the board of pharmacy examiners, or  
9 the chairperson's designee.

10 b. The chairperson of the board of medical examiners, or  
11 the chairperson's designee.

12 c. One person who is a representative of pharmaceutical  
13 manufacturers, selected by the pharmaceutical research and  
14 manufacturers of America.

15 d. One person who is a representative of the Iowa pharmacy  
16 association, selected by the Iowa pharmacy association.

17 e. One person who is a representative of the Iowa medical  
18 society, selected by the Iowa medical society.

19 6. The task force shall submit bimonthly progress reports  
20 of its findings and recommendations regarding the  
21 establishment of a prescription drug purchasing cooperative to  
22 the government oversight committee. The task force shall also  
23 submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to  
24 the governor and the general assembly no later than December  
25 15, 2005.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill directs the Iowa department of public health to  
28 convene a task force to determine the feasibility of  
29 establishing a prescription drug purchasing cooperative. The  
30 task force is to consider the establishment of an interstate  
31 prescription drug purchasing cooperative or the establishment  
32 of any other type of purchasing cooperative that results in  
33 the provision of prescription drugs to Iowans at a reduced  
34 cost.

35 The bill specifies the voting membership of the task force

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