

SESSION OF 2019

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2404

As Amended by House Committee on Children
and Seniors

Brief*

HB 2404, as amended, would establish the Kansas Senior Services Task Force (Task Force). The bill would outline the topics to be studied by the Task Force, provide for the appointment and compensation of Task Force members, establish the frequency and location of meetings, require a preliminary and a final report to the Legislature, and require the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) to provide the Task Force with data and information that is not prohibited or restricted from disclosure by state and federal law.

The Task Force would sunset on June 30, 2021.

Task Force Study Topics

The Task Force would be required to study the following topics:

- Provision of care for Kansas seniors who suffer from Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other age-related mental health conditions;
- Administration of antipsychotic medication to adult care home residents;
- Abuse, neglect, and exploitation of seniors in the state;

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- Adult care home surveys and fines;
- Adult care homes placed into receivership;
- Timely determination of KanCare eligibility for seniors in the state;
- Potential side effects KanCare expansion would have on seniors in the state;
- Funding and implementation of the Senior Care Act; and
- Senior daycare resources in the state.

Organization of Task Force

Membership

The Task Force would consist of the following 21 members:

- The chairperson, vice-chairperson, and ranking minority member of the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare;
- The chairperson, vice-chairperson, and ranking minority member of the House Committee on Children and Seniors; and
- One representative from KDADS appointed by the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services;
- One representative from the Department of Health and Environment appointed by the Secretary of Health and Environment;

- One representative from the Department of Transportation appointed by the Secretary of Transportation;
- The state long-term care ombudsman or the state long-term care ombudsman's designee;
- An elder law attorney, appointed by the Governor;
- One representative of the Area Agencies on Aging, appointed by the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services;
- One representative of the Kansas Adult Care Executives Association, appointed by the Governor;
- One representative of LeadingAge Kansas, appointed by LeadingAge Kansas;
- One representative of the Kansas Health Care Association, appointed by the Kansas Health Care Association;
- One representative of Kansas Advocates for Better Care, appointed by Kansas Advocates for Better Care;
- One representative of the Kansas Hospital Association, appointed by the Kansas Hospital Association;
- One representative of community mental health centers, appointed by the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services;
- One representative of an adult care home, appointed by the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services;

- One representative of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), appointed by AARP; and
- A person licensed by the State Board of Healing Arts to practice medicine and surgery, appointed by the Kansas Medical Society.

The bill would require the first members of the Task Force be appointed on or before August 1, 2019. The appointing authorities would be required to provide notice of the appointments to the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services on the date of such appointment.

Vacancies on the Task Force would be filled by appointment and accompanied by notice to the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services in the manner provided for the original appointment.

Task Force Leadership and Public Records Custodian

The chairperson of the House Committee on Children and Seniors would serve as the first Task Force chairperson, and the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare would serve as the first vice-chairperson. The chairperson and vice-chairperson roles would alternate annually at the first meeting of the Task Force in each calendar year.

The chairperson of the Task Force would serve as the official custodian of the public records of the Task Force.

Compensation

If approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council, Task Force members attending meetings authorized by the Task Force would receive compensation as provided under KSA 75-3223(e), except Task Force members employed by a state agency would be reimbursed by such state agency.

Meetings

The Task Force would be authorized to meet in an open meeting at any time and at any place in the state upon the call of the chairperson. A majority of the voting members would constitute a quorum. Any action by the Task Force would require a motion adopted by a majority of voting members present when there is a quorum.

Support Services

The bill would require the staff of the Office of Revisor of Statutes, the Legislative Research Department, and the Division of Legislative Administrative Services to provide assistance as requested by the Task Force.

Data and Information Provided

KDADS, upon the request of the Task Force, would be required to provide data and information on senior services in the state that are not prohibited or restricted from disclosure by state or federal law, including conditions imposed by federal law or rules and regulations for participation in federal programs administered by the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services.

Annual Report

On or before January 13, 2020, the Task Force would be required to submit a preliminary progress report to the Legislature detailing the Task Force's study. A final report of the Task Force's study would be due to the Legislature on or before January 11, 2021. The bill would require the report to include recommended improvements regarding well-being of Kansas seniors, including recommended changes to state statutes, rules and regulations, policies, and programs.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Taxation at the request of Representative Concannon. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Children and Seniors.

In the House Committee on Children and Seniors hearing, representatives of AARP Kansas, Kansas Health Care Association/Kansas Center for Assisted Living, and Midland Care testified in favor of the bill. The proponents stated support for the creation of the Task Force to address the future needs of Kansas elders, and some proponents asked to be added as members. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of LeadingAge Kansas.

Neutral testimony was provided by representatives of the Alzheimer's Association, InterHab, and Kansas Advocates for Better Care who generally were supportive of the Task Force but indicated the need for additional consumer-specific representation and recommended the addition of representatives of organizations and specific populations to the Task Force. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to add an AARP representative to the Task Force.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDADS indicates enactment of the bill would have a fiscal effect on the department, but it could be absorbed within existing resources. There would also be a fiscal effect on the Legislature in the form of reimbursements for travel and subsistence for legislative members of the Task Force, but the fiscal effect cannot be estimated because the number of meetings is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.