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MEMORANDUM

To: Kansas Senior Care Task Force
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: September 7, 2021
Subject: Kansas Senior Care Task Force authorizing statute

Section 1 of HB 2114 created the Kansas Senior Care Task Force. The section establishes topics of study, task force membership, methods of appointment of task force members, meeting requirements, records, and reports to the legislature. Subsection (a) lists the task force's topics of study. Those topics include:

- "(1) The provision of care for seniors in the state of Kansas who suffer from Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other age-related mental health conditions;
- (2) the administration of antipsychotic medications to adult care home residents;
- (3) the safeguards to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation of seniors in the state of Kansas;
- (4) adult care home surveys and fines;
- (5) the funding and implementation of the Kansas senior care act, K.S.A. 75-5926 through 75-5936, and amendments thereto;
- (6) senior daycare resources in the state of Kansas; and
- (7) rebalancing of home and community based services."

Subsection (b) lists the members of the task force. The membership includes 22 members. Vacancies are filled by appointment in the same manner as the original appointment.

The membership includes the following individuals, and their appointing authority:

- "(1) The chairperson of the senate standing committee on public health and welfare;
- (2) the vice-chairperson of the senate standing committee on public health and welfare;
- (3) the ranking minority member of the senate standing committee on public health and welfare;

- (4) the chairperson of the house of representatives standing committee on children and seniors;
- (5) the vice-chairperson of the house of representatives standing committee on children and seniors;
- (6) the ranking minority member of the house of representatives standing committee on children and seniors;
- (7) one representative of the Kansas department for aging and disability services, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services;
- (8) one representative of the department of health and environment, appointed by the secretary of health and environment;
- (9) the state long-term care ombudsman or their designee;
- (10) an elder law attorney, appointed by the governor;
- (11) one representative of the area agencies on aging, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services;
- (12) one representative of the Kansas adult care executives association, appointed by the governor;
- (13) one representative of leadingage Kansas, appointed by leadingage Kansas;
- (14) one representative of the Kansas health care association, appointed by the Kansas health care association;
- (15) one representative of Kansas advocates for better care, appointed by Kansas advocates for better care;
- (16) one representative of the Kansas hospital association, appointed by the Kansas hospital association;
- (17) one representative of community mental health centers, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services;
- (18) one representative of an adult care home, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services;
- (19) one representative of the American association of retired persons, appointed by the American association of retired persons;
- (20) one representative from the home and community-based services community, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services;

- (21) one representative of the Alzheimer's association, appointed by the Alzheimer's association; and
- (22) a consumer of Kansas senior services, appointed by the speaker of the silver haired legislature."

The chairperson of the House Committee on Children and Seniors serves as the first chairperson of the task force and the official custodian of the task force's public records. The chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare serves as the first vice-chairperson. Those two will alternate to serve as chair of the task force at the beginning of each calendar year.

Meetings may be held at any time, at any place by any means in Kansas upon the call of the chairperson. Quorum is a majority of voting members. With 22 members, 12 members is a majority. Committee actions shall be taken by majority of voting members present during a quorum.

The task force shall submit a preliminary report of its study to the Legislature before the 2022 session. The final report shall be submitted to the Legislature before the 2023 session. Such reports shall include recommendations for improvements regarding the well-being of seniors in Kansas.

When requested, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services shall provide data and information. When requested, the Revisor's Office and the Kansas Legislative Research Department shall provide support. When approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council, members shall be paid subsistence for meetings, except for members employed by a state agency who shall be reimbursed by such state agency.

The provisions of the section will expire on June 30, 2023. The section became law on July 1, 2021, and can be found in Chapter 81 of the 2021 Session Law of Kansas.