

HOUSE BILL No. 2906

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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9 AN ACT concerning family and medical leave insurance; establishing
10 task force.

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

13 Section 1. (a) (1) There is hereby established the joint legislative task
14 force on family leave insurance. The task force shall be composed of 11
15 members as follows:

16 (A) One member appointed by the president of the senate;

17 (B) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

18 (C) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of
19 representatives;

20 (D) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
21 representatives;

22 (E) three members appointed by the governor; and

23 (F) one non-legislative member appointed jointly by the speaker of
24 the house of representatives, the minority leader of the house of repre-
25 sentatives, the president of the senate and the minority leader of the
26 senate representing each of the following:

27 (i) Large business;

28 (ii) small business;

29 (iii) labor; and

30 (iv) advocates for family leave.

31 (2) The department of labor shall cooperate with the task force and
32 the secretary of labor shall maintain a liaison representative, who shall be
33 a nonvoting member.

34 (3) The governor shall appoint the chairperson from the membership
35 of the task force. The chairperson shall convene the initial meeting of the
36 task force. A steering committee consisting of the legislative members of
37 the task force shall advise the chairperson on the meetings and other
38 activities of the task force.

39 (b) The task force shall study the establishment of a family leave in-
40 surance program, similar to the second substitute senate bill 5659 enacted
41 by the Washington state legislature during the 2007 regular session, in-
42 cluding, but not limited to, the following:

43 (1) The manner in which the benefits and the administrative costs

1 should be financed;

2 (2) the manner in which the program should be implemented and
3 administered;

4 (3) any government efficiencies that should be adopted to improve
5 program administration and reduce program costs; and

6 (4) the impacts, if any, of the family leave insurance program on the
7 unemployment compensation system, and options for mitigating such
8 impacts.

9 (c) Staff assistance shall be provided by the office of the revisor of
10 statutes, the legislative research department and such other legislative
11 offices and employees as may be directed by the legislative coordinating
12 council.

13 (d) Members of the task force attending regular or special meetings
14 or subcommittee meetings authorized by the task force, shall be paid
15 amounts for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in subsection
16 (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto. Expenses for the task
17 force shall be part of the budget of the legislative coordinating council
18 and shall be subject to the council's approval.

19 (e) The task force may meet at any time and at any place within the
20 state on the call of the chairperson. A quorum of the task force shall be
21 six voting members. All actions of the task force shall be by motion
22 adopted by a majority of those voting members present when there is a
23 quorum.

24 (f) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the
25 legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services
26 as may be requested by the task force.

27 (g) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations,
28 which shall include recommendations as to the specific manner in which
29 the benefits and the administrative costs should be financed as well as
30 proposed legislation, to the legislature by January 1, 2009.

31 (h) This section shall expire on July 1, 2009.

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