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HOUSE BILL 366

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

EDWARD C. SANDOVAL

FOR THE HEALTH CARE REFORM COMMITTEE

AN ACT

CREATING THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE CREATED--TERMINATION.--

There is created a joint interim legislative task force, which shall be known as the "health care task force". The task force shall function from the date of its appointment until the first day of December prior to the first session of the forty-fourth legislature.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP--APPOINTMENT--VACANCIES.--

A. The health care task force shall be composed of twelve voting legislative members and ten voting nonlegislative members. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint six members of the house of representatives, one of whom

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1 shall be the chairman or vice chairman of the legislative health
2 and human services committee, and the president pro tempore of
3 the senate shall appoint six members of the senate, one of whom
4 shall be the chairman or vice chairman of the legislative health
5 and human services committee. The speaker of the house of
6 representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate
7 shall designate the chairman and vice chairman of the task
8 force.

9 B. Members of the health care task force shall be
10 appointed from each house to give the two major political
11 parties in each house the same proportional representation on
12 the task force as prevails in each house; however, in no event
13 shall either party have less than one member from each house on
14 the task force. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by
15 appointment in the same manner as the original appointments.

16 C. No action shall be taken by the health care task
17 force if a majority of the total membership from either house on
18 the health care task force rejects the action.

19 D. The nonlegislative members of the health care
20 task force who do not serve ex officio shall be appointed by the
21 speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro
22 tempore of the senate as follows:

23 (1) two public members representing the
24 business community, one representing small employers and one
25 representing large employers;

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1 (2) a public member who is an attorney with
2 expertise in the area of health care;

3 (3) a health care reform advocate; and

4 (4) two members of a Native American nation,
5 tribe or pueblo of this state.

6 E. The additional nonlegislative members shall be:

7 (1) the secretary of human services or the
8 secretary's designee;

9 (2) the secretary of health or the secretary's
10 designee;

11 (3) a representative of the New Mexico health
12 policy commission; and

13 (4) the superintendent of insurance or the
14 superintendent's designee.

15 F. The public members shall be paid per diem and
16 mileage in accordance with the provisions of the Per Diem and
17 Mileage Act.

18 Section 3. DUTIES. --After the health care task force
19 members are appointed, the task force shall hold one
20 organizational meeting to develop a work plan and budget for the
21 ensuing interim. The work plan and budget shall be submitted to
22 the legislative council for approval. Upon approval of the work
23 plan and budget by the legislative council, the task force shall
24 review health care reform issues, including making efforts to:

25 A. facilitate an ongoing partnership between the

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1 legislative and executive branches and bring together various
2 groups working on health care reforms to:

3 (1) improve the health status of New Mexicans;
4 (2) enhance access to medical services with a
5 commitment to protecting vulnerable populations;

6 (3) strengthen the currently existing local
7 health care infrastructure, both private and public, to assure
8 appropriate access to needed services;

9 (4) protect the quality of health care from
10 erosion for cost savings; and

11 (5) improve the efficiency of health care
12 delivery;

13 B. consider and investigate the supply and
14 distribution of the state's health professional work force to
15 determine what providers and infrastructure are necessary for
16 health care delivery, including the development of priorities
17 for geographic access of health care service in the state to
18 revise the composition of health professionals to meet the
19 health care service needs of the state;

20 C. investigate legal, regulatory and policy issues
21 affecting health care services in the state, including managed
22 care in general and the medicaid managed care program in
23 particular;

24 D. oversee developments to the health information
25 system, including the efforts of the health information

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1 alliance, the initiation of confidential health information and
2 patient privacy legislation and consumer report cards;

3 E. investigate the role of the university of New
4 Mexico health sciences center regarding its service mission as a
5 vital education institution in the state and its role in filling
6 the gaps of health care service where the private sector is
7 unable to deliver service;

8 F. create and sustain an ongoing dialogue with
9 representatives from New Mexico Indian nations, tribes and
10 pueblos to discuss health care issues related to Native American
11 people, the role of the Indian health service as a provider of
12 health care services and the integration of the medicaid managed
13 care program with the Indian health service and Indian
14 communities;

15 G. provide legislative oversight on the
16 implementation of health care reform measures, health care
17 delivery and payment proposals and changes in federal and state
18 law that impact health care reform programs that become law; and

19 H. recommend legislation or changes if any are found
20 to be necessary to the second session of the forty-third
21 legislature and to the first session of the forty-fourth
22 legislature.

23 Section 4. SUBCOMMITTEES. -- Subcommittees shall be created
24 only by majority vote of all members appointed to the health
25 care task force and with the prior approval of the legislative

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1 council. A subcommittee shall be composed of at least one
2 member from the senate and one member from the house of
3 representatives, and at least one member of the minority party
4 shall be a member of the subcommittee. All meetings and
5 expenditures of a subcommittee shall be approved by the full
6 task force in advance of such meeting or expenditure, and the
7 approval shall be shown in the minutes of the task force.

8 Section 5. REPORT.--The health care task force shall make
9 a report of its findings and recommendations for the
10 consideration of the second session of the forty-third
11 legislature and the first session of the forty-fourth
12 legislature. The reports and suggested legislation shall be
13 made available to the legislative council, the legislative
14 finance committee, the legislative health and human services
15 committee, the New Mexico health policy commission and the
16 governor on or before November 30 preceding each session.

17 Section 6. STAFF.--The staff for the health care task
18 force shall be provided by the legislative council service, and
19 the staff of the New Mexico health policy commission shall
20 assist the health care task force as requested. The legislative
21 council service at the direction of the task force may hire
22 additional staff as necessary and may contract with experts,
23 including economists, actuaries and the bureau of business and
24 economic research at the university of New Mexico, to assist the
25 task force in carrying out its tasks.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

February 18, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 3 Against

Yes: 5

No: Crook, Dana, Johnson

Excused: Rios, Vaughn

Absent: None

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 12, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, lines 11 and 12, strike "MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION;".
2. On page 7, strike Section 7 in its entirety.
3. Renumber the succeeding section accordingly.

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Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 14 For 0 Against

Yes: 14

Excused: Coll, Marquardt, Watchman

Absent: None

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