



***An Act Establishing A Blue Ribbon Commission On The Future Of Hospitals.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       (a) There is established a Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of  
2 Hospitals. The commission shall: (1) Review the current financial  
3 situation of hospitals in this state; (2) examine current assessments on  
4 such hospitals; (3) examine health care delivery in this state, on a  
5 regional basis; (4) determine the effects of managed care on such  
6 hospitals; (5) evaluate the impact of the Federal Balanced Budget Act  
7 of 1997 on such hospitals; and (6) formulate recommendations for  
8 improvements in hospital efficiencies.

9       (b) (1) The commission shall consist of the following members:

10       (A) Four appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

11       (B) Four appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

12       (C) Four appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

13       (D) Four appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

14       (E) Four appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
15 Representatives;

16       (F) Four appointed by the minority leader of the House of

17 Representatives; and

18 (G) Four appointed by the Governor.

19 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
21 relating to public health, or their designees, shall be members of the  
22 commission. The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint  
23 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
24 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,  
25 and finance, revenue and bonding, or their designees, shall serve as ex-  
26 officio members. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
27 Management, the Commissioner of Health Care Access and the  
28 Commissioner of Public Health, or their designees, shall also serve as  
29 ex-officio members.

30 (c) All appointments to the commission shall be made no later than  
31 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
32 filled by the appointing authority.

33 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
34 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or  
35 their designees, shall serve as chairpersons of the commission. The  
36 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the commission, which  
37 shall be held no later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
38 section.

39 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
41 health shall serve as administrative staff of the commission.

42 (f) Not later than January 1, 2001, the commission shall submit a  
43 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
44 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
45 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section  
46 11-4a of the general statutes. The commission shall terminate on the  
47 date that it submits such report or January 1, 2001, whichever is earlier.

**PH Committee Vote:** Yea 22 Nay 0 JFS