

Senate, April 6, 1998. The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HARP, 10th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON CONSUMER INFORMATION REGARDING MEDICARE RISK PLANS.

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

1 (a) There is established a task force to  
2 study the collection and dissemination of consumer  
3 information regarding Medicare risk plans and the  
4 state's power to regulate such plans.

5 (b) The task force shall consist of the  
6 following members:

7 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House  
8 of Representatives, who shall be a representative  
9 of the United Seniors in Action, the American  
10 Association of Retired Persons or a similar  
11 organization representing senior citizens;

12 (2) One appointed by the president pro  
13 tempore of the Senate, who shall be a  
14 representative of the United Seniors in Action,  
15 the American Association of Retired Persons or a  
16 similar organization representing senior citizens;

17 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of  
18 the House of Representatives, who shall be a  
19 representative of the Connecticut Citizens Action  
20 Group or similar citizen advocacy organization;

21 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of  
22 the Senate, who shall be a director of an area  
23 agency on aging, or the director's designee;

24 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of  
25 the House of Representatives, who shall be a  
26 representative of a managed care company that  
27 offers Medicare risk plans in Connecticut;

28 (6) One appointed by the Governor, who shall  
29 be a representative of the Center for Medicare  
30 Advocacy;

31 (7) The executive director of the Commission  
32 on Aging, or the executive director's designee;

33 (8) The Insurance Commissioner, or the  
34 commissioner's designee;

35 (9) The chairpersons and ranking members of  
36 the joint standing committee of the General  
37 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
38 public health, or their designees;

39 (10) The chairpersons and ranking members of  
40 the joint standing committee of the General  
41 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
42 insurance and real estate, or their designees;

43 (11) The chairpersons and ranking members of  
44 the select committee on aging, or their designees;

45 (d) All appointments to the task force shall  
46 be made no later than thirty days after the  
47 effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
48 be filled by the appointing authority.

49 (e) The speaker of the House of  
50 Representatives and the president pro tempore of  
51 the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the  
52 task force from among the members of the task  
53 force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first  
54 meeting of the task force, which shall be held no  
55 later than sixty days after the effective date of  
56 this section.

57 (f) Not later than January 1, 1999, the task  
58 force shall submit a report on its findings and  
59 recommendations to the joint standing committees  
60 of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
61 matters relating to public health and insurance  
62 and real estate, in accordance with the provisions  
63 of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task  
64 force shall terminate on the date that it submits  
65 such report or January 1, 1999, whichever is  
66 earlier.

67 AGE COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 13 NAY 0 JFS C/R PH  
68 PH COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 23 NAY 0 JFS

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 257**

STATE IMPACT	Potential Minimal Cost, Within Anticipated Budgetary Resources, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Legislative Management

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: There is the possibility of reimbursing legislators for mileage expenses associated with the task force. It is expected that this reimbursement can be handled within the anticipated budgetary resources of Legislative Management.

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