HOUSE BILL No. 2404
By Committee on Taxation

AN ACT establishing the Kansas senior services task force.

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

Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas senior services task force. The task force shall study the following topics:

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 abuse, neglect and exploitation of seniors in the state of Kansas;
4. adult care home surveys and fines;
5. adult care homes placed into receivership;
6. the timely determination of KanCare eligibility for seniors in the state of Kansas;
7. the potential effects that KanCare expansion would have on seniors in the state of Kansas;
8. the funding and implementation of the senior care act; and
9. senior daycare resources in the state of Kansas.

(b) The Kansas senior services task force shall consist of the following members:

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, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services.
services;
(8) one representative of the department of health and environment, appointed by the secretary of health and environment;
(9) one representative of the department of transportation, appointed by the secretary of transportation;
(10) the state long-term care ombudsman or the state long-term care ombudsman's designee;
(11) an elder law attorney, appointed by the governor;
(12) one representative of the area agencies on aging, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services;
(13) one representative of the Kansas adult care executives association, appointed by the governor;
(14) one representative of leadingage Kansas, appointed by leadingage Kansas;
(15) one representative of the Kansas health care association, appointed by the Kansas health care association;
(16) one representative of Kansas advocates for better care, appointed by Kansas advocates for better care;
(17) one representative of the Kansas hospital association, appointed by the Kansas hospital association;
(18) one representative of community mental health centers, as defined in K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-2002, amendments thereto, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services;
(19) one representative of an adult care home, as defined in K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services; and
(20) a person licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice medicine and surgery, appointed by the Kansas medical society.
(c) (1) The first members of the Kansas senior services task force shall be appointed on or before August 1, 2019. The appointing authorities listed in subsection (b) shall provide notice of such appointments to the secretary for aging and disability services on the date of such appointment.
(2) The chairperson of the house of representatives standing committee on children and seniors shall serve as the first chairperson of the Kansas senior services task force, and the chairperson of the senate standing committee on public health and welfare shall serve as the first vice-chairperson of the task force. The position of chairperson and vice-chairperson shall annually alternate upon the first meeting of the task force in each calendar year.
(3) The chairperson of the task force shall serve as the official custodian of the public records of the task force. As used in this paragraph, "official custodian" and "public records" mean the same as provided in the Kansas open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto.
(4) The Kansas senior services task force may meet in an open meeting at any time and at any place within the state of Kansas upon the call of the chairperson.

(5) A majority of the voting members of the Kansas senior services task force constitutes a quorum. Any action by the task force shall be by motion adopted by a majority of voting members present when there is a quorum.

(6) Any vacancy on the task force shall be filled by appointment and accompanied by notice in the manner prescribed in this section for the original appointment.

(d) The Kansas department for aging and disability services shall, upon request by the Kansas senior services task force, provide data and information relating to senior services in the state of Kansas that is not otherwise prohibited or restricted from disclosure by state or federal law, including conditions imposed by federal law or rules and regulations for participation in federal programs administered by the secretary for aging and disability services.

(e) The Kansas senior services task force shall submit a preliminary progress report to the legislature detailing the task force's study under this section on or before January 13, 2020, and a final report to the legislature detailing the task force's study on or before January 11, 2021.

(f) The Kansas senior services task force's report shall include recommended improvements regarding the well-being of seniors in the state of Kansas, including recommended changes to state statutes, rules and regulations, policies and programs.

(g) Staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research department and the division of legislative administrative services shall provide assistance as may be requested by the Kansas senior services task force.

(h) Subject to approval by the legislative coordinating council, members of the Kansas senior services task force attending meetings authorized by the task force shall be paid amounts provided in K.S.A. 75–3223(e), and amendments thereto, except that task force members who are employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed by such state agency.

(i) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2021.

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