AN ACT establishing the the parole and community corrections nursing home task force.

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

Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the parole and community corrections nursing home task force. The task force shall consist of 11 members appointed as follows:

(1) Three members appointed by the secretary of the department of corrections, including the chairperson of the task force;

(2) three members appointed by the secretary of the department for aging and disability services;

(3) one member appointed by the attorney general;

(4) one member appointed by the prisoner review board;

(5) one member who is a director of a community corrections program appointed by the governor;

(6) the chairperson of the corrections and juvenile justice committee of the house of representatives or the chairperson's designee; and

(7) the chairperson of the corrections and juvenile justice committee of the senate or the chairperson's designee.

(b) Members shall be appointed to the task force on or before August 1, 2016. The first meeting of the task force shall be called by the chairperson on or before September 1, 2016. Any vacancy in the membership of the task force shall be filled by appointment in the same manner prescribed by this section for the original appointment.

(c) (1) The task force may meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call of the chairperson. A quorum of the task force shall be six members. All actions of the task force shall be by motion adopted by a majority of those members present when there is a quorum.

(2) The staff of the office of the revisor of statutes, the legislative research department and the department of corrections shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the task force.

(c) The parole and community corrections nursing home task force shall study and review the feasibility of housing aging and frail populations of the department of corrections in a specialized nursing home setting and submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the house and senate committees on corrections and juvenile justice at the
beginning of the 2017 regular session of the legislature. The report shall include:

(1) The feasibility of shifting the health and behavioral care costs of aging and frail inmates to medicare, medicaid or private health insurance through use of a specialized nursing home setting;

(2) identification of the target population to receive a medical parole status and appropriate criteria for inmates to be reasonably housed in a specialized nursing home setting;

(3) a determination of the level of security required in the specialized nursing home setting to ensure a low level of risk to communities, inmates, staff and other residents of such facilities; and

(4) legislative changes or executive action necessary to carry out the recommendations of the task force.

(d) If approved by the legislative coordinating council, members of the task force attending meetings authorized by the task force shall be paid amounts for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto.

(e) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2017.

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