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MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on Children and Seniors
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: January 28, 2021
Subject: House Bill 2114

HB 2114 creates the Kansas senior care task force. The section establishes what the task force will review, who will be on the task force, methods of appointment of members to the task force, meeting requirements, keeping of records, and reports to the legislature.

Subsection (a) lists the task force's topics of study. The topics include the provision of care for Kansas seniors, administration of antipsychotic medications to adult care home residents, safeguards to prevent abuse, surveying and fines for adult care homes, implementation of the Kansas senior care act, and daycare resources.

Subsection (b) lists the members of the task force. The membership shall include 20 members. Vacancies are filled by appointment in the same manner as the original appointment. The membership includes the following individuals, and their appointing authority:

- (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;
- (8) one representative of the department of health and environment, appointed by the secretary of health and environment;
- (9) the state long-term care ombudsman or their designee;
- (10) an elder law attorney, appointed by the governor;
- (11) one representative of the area agencies on aging, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services;
- (12) one representative of the Kansas adult care executives association, appointed by the governor;
- (13) one representative of leadingage Kansas, appointed by leadingage Kansas;
- (14) one representative of the Kansas health care association, appointed by the Kansas health care association;
- (15) one representative of Kansas advocates for better care, appointed by Kansas advocates for better care;
- (16) one representative of the Kansas hospital association, appointed by the Kansas hospital association;
- (17) one representative of community mental health centers, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services;
- (18) one representative of an adult care home, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services;
- (19) one representative of the American association of retired persons, appointed by the American association of retired persons; and
- (20) one representative from the home and community-based services community, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability services.

The chairperson of the house committee on children and seniors shall serve as the first chairperson of the task force and the official custodian of the committee's public records. The chairperson of the senate committee on public health and welfare shall serve as the first vice-chairperson. Those two will alternate to serve as chair of the task force at the beginning of each calendar year.

Meetings may be held at any time, at any place by any means in Kansas upon the call of the chairperson. Quorum is a majority of voting members. Committee actions shall be taken by majority of voting members present during a quorum.

The task force is directed to submit a preliminary report of its study to the legislature before the 2022 session. The final report shall be submitted to the legislature before the 2023 session. Such reports shall include recommendations for improvements regarding the well-being of seniors in Kansas.

When requested, the Kansas department for aging and disability services shall provide data and information. When requested, the revisor's office and legislative research shall provide support. When approved by the legislative coordinating council, members shall be paid subsistence for meetings.

The provisions of the section would expire on June 30, 2023. The section would be in effect upon publication in the Kansas register.