

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Health Policy Center Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative intent. Illinois legislators and  
7 other governmental officials are charged with an increasingly  
8 complex task of creating and implementing laws and regulations  
9 to advance the health and health care of the people of  
10 Illinois. The challenge has grown because of escalating costs  
11 of health care that take an increasingly large share of State  
12 resources and because of the increasingly complex nature of  
13 treating illnesses that makes monitoring and ensuring quality  
14 more difficult.

15 As Illinois' statewide public institution of higher  
16 learning, with the nation's largest medical school, and  
17 graduate programs in health and public policy, health services  
18 research, pharmacy, public administration, and health  
19 economics, the University of Illinois has the breadth and depth  
20 of expertise as well as a mission to serve as an authoritative  
21 and objective information resource to the legislative branches  
22 of government and to State agencies.

1 Section 10. Center created; goals.

2 (a) The Illinois Health Policy Center is created within the  
3 University of Illinois, to be sponsored by the University of  
4 Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine and the University of  
5 Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs. In  
6 implementing this Act, the University may also consult with and  
7 seek the participation of other public universities in  
8 Illinois.

9 (b) The goals of the Illinois Health Policy Center are:

10 (1) To support legislators and other government  
11 officials in developing and implementing health policy to  
12 address critical issues facing the State of Illinois.

13 (2) To focus on identifying "best practices"  
14 appropriate for Illinois through careful and objective  
15 review of the latest scientific research and through  
16 comparative analyses of other states' policies.

17 Section 15. Center's duties. The Illinois Health Policy  
18 Center shall do the following:

19 (1) Respond to requests from State government  
20 officials and agencies requiring analytical support and  
21 guidance in matters related to the development and  
22 implementation of health policy.

23 (2) Provide data collection, data analysis, program  
24 planning, program implementation, and program evaluation.

25 (3) Identify critical issues in health policy in need

1 of timely action.

2 (4) Produce timely and objective information to help  
3 guide policy development and implementation.

4 (5) Operate a phone line and interactive website  
5 available to legislative staff or other policymakers  
6 seeking rapid and timely information.

7 (6) Pursue a research agenda that focuses on State  
8 health care policy.

9 Section 20. Advisory Panel.

10 (a) The Illinois Health Policy Center Advisory Panel is  
11 created. The Advisory Panel shall consist of 9 members as  
12 follows:

13 (1) Four legislators, appointed one each by the  
14 President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate,  
15 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
16 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

17 (2) One representative of each of the following groups,  
18 appointed by consensus of the President of the Senate, the  
19 Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of  
21 Representatives upon the recommendations of those 4  
22 legislative leaders: hospitals; medical societies; managed  
23 care companies; and insurance companies.

24 (3) One representative of patient advocacy groups,  
25 appointed by the Governor.

1           (b) The Advisory Panel shall provide advice and oversight  
2           concerning the creation and operation of the Illinois Health  
3           Policy Center.