

SB3047



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 4045/1
20 ILCS 4045/5
20 ILCS 4045/15
20 ILCS 4045/20
20 ILCS 4045/25
20 ILCS 4045/30 rep.
20 ILCS 4045/35 rep.

Amends the Health Care Justice Act. Changes the short title to the Health Care Justice Implementation Act of 2010. Provides that the mission goals of the Health Care Justice Implementation Task Force are to monitor the implementation of the federal health care reforms and make recommendations, to report regarding additional reforms needed to ensure affordable health care, and to assess current programs. Contains provisions concerning reports, public hearings, and research assessments. Effective July 1, 2010.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning health care.

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

4 Section 5. The Health Care Justice Act is amended by
5 changing Sections 1, 5, 15, 20, and 25 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 4045/1)

7 Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Health
8 Care Justice Implementation Act of 2010.

9 (Source: P.A. 93-973, eff. 8-20-04.)

10 (20 ILCS 4045/5)

11 Sec. 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
12 recognizes that the U.S. census reported that on any given day
13 an estimated 1,800,000 Illinoisans are without health
14 insurance, ~~and according to a March 2003 Robert Wood Johnson~~
15 ~~study, nearly 30% of the non elderly Illinois population~~
16 ~~(3,122,000) during all or a large part of 2001 or 2002 were~~
17 ~~uninsured; a growing number of Illinoisans are under insured,~~
18 ~~the consumer's share of the cost of health insurance is~~
19 ~~growing, coverage in benefit packages is decreasing, and record~~
20 ~~numbers of consumer complaints are lodged against managed care~~
21 ~~companies regarding access to necessary health care services.~~
22 With new federal health care reform legislation the number of

1 uninsured Illinoisans will decrease dramatically. However,
2 there will still be tens of thousands of uninsured Illinoisans.
3 The General Assembly believes that the State must work in
4 cooperation with the federal government to implement these
5 federal reforms effectively and in a thoughtful and expedited
6 manner ~~to assure access to quality health care for all~~
7 ~~residents of Illinois, and at the same time, the State must~~
8 ~~contain health care costs while maintaining and improving the~~
9 ~~quality of health care.~~

10 (Source: P.A. 93-973, eff. 8-20-04.)

11 (20 ILCS 4045/15)

12 Sec. 15. Health Care Justice Implementation Act of 2010
13 ~~care access~~ plan. On or before September 1, 2010 the Health
14 Care Justice Implementation Task Force shall be created to
15 accomplish the following mission:

16 (1) Monitor the implementation of federal reforms and
17 make recommendations. The Task Force shall monitor the
18 implementation of federal reforms and make recommendations
19 to the executive and legislative branches of Illinois
20 government concerning implementation. The Task Force shall
21 file with the General Assembly a recommendation report by
22 January 1st of every year as it pertains to those reforms
23 that will need to be implemented in that year. In addition,
24 a quarterly assessment shall be developed as it pertains to
25 how State government's process of implementing these

1 federal reforms is progressing.

2 (2) Additional recommendations regarding reforms. The
3 Task Force shall issue a report on March 1, 2012 regarding
4 additional reforms needed to fully comply with Section 10
5 of this Act.

6 (3) Assessment of current programs. The Task Force
7 shall issue recommendations and positions on a wide range
8 of issues, as seen fit by Task Force members, as it
9 pertains to existing programs and needed changes to these
10 programs. July 1, 2007, the State of Illinois is strongly
11 encouraged to implement a health care access plan that does
12 the following:

13 ~~(1) provides access to a full range of preventive,~~
14 ~~acute, and long term health care services;~~

15 ~~(2) maintains and improves the quality of health care~~
16 ~~services offered to Illinois residents;~~

17 ~~(3) provides portability of coverage, regardless of~~
18 ~~employment status;~~

19 ~~(4) provides core benefits for all Illinois residents;~~

20 ~~(5) encourages regional and local consumer~~
21 ~~participation;~~

22 ~~(6) contains cost containment measures;~~

23 ~~(7) provides a mechanism for reviewing and~~
24 ~~implementing multiple approaches to preventive medicine~~
25 ~~based on new technologies; and~~

26 ~~(8) promotes affordable coverage options for the small~~

1 ~~business market.~~

2 (Source: P.A. 93-973, eff. 8-20-04.)

3 (20 ILCS 4045/20)

4 Sec. 20. ~~Adequate~~ Health Care Justice Implementation Task
5 Force. There is created a ~~an Adequate~~ Health Care Justice
6 Implementation Task Force. The Task Force shall consist of 29
7 voting members appointed as follows: 5 shall be appointed by
8 the Governor; 6 shall be appointed by the President of the
9 Senate, 6 shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the
10 Senate, 6 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives, and 6 shall be appointed by the Minority
12 Leader of the House of Representatives. The Task Force shall
13 have a chairman and a vice-chairman who shall be elected by the
14 voting members at the first meeting of the Task Force. The
15 Director of Public Health or his or her designee, the Director
16 of Aging or his or her designee, the Director of Healthcare and
17 Family Services or his or her designee, the Director of
18 Insurance or his or her designee, and the Secretary of Human
19 Services or his or her designee shall represent their
20 respective departments and shall be invited to attend Task
21 Force meetings, but shall not be members of the Task Force. The
22 members of the Task Force shall be appointed within 60 ~~30~~ days
23 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th
24 General Assembly and hold its first meeting within 30 days
25 thereafter. The departments of State government represented on

1 the Task Force shall work cooperatively to provide
2 administrative support for the Task Force; the Department of
3 Public Health shall be the primary agency in providing that
4 administrative support.

5 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

6 (20 ILCS 4045/25)

7 Sec. 25. Public hearings.

8 (a) The Task Force shall seek public input on all 3 of its
9 mission goals ~~the development of the health care access plan by~~
10 ~~holding 4 public hearings each year throughout the State a~~
11 ~~public hearing in each Illinois congressional district~~
12 ~~starting no later than January 1, 2005 and ending on November~~
13 ~~30, 2005.~~ Each State Representative and State Senator located
14 in each such congressional district shall be invited to
15 participate in the hearing in that district and help to gather
16 input from interested parties. A web site for the Task Force
17 shall be developed and linked to the Governor's home page for
18 input to be provided and to keep the public informed. The Task
19 Force's web site shall be specifically highlighted and have
20 independent pages reporting all activities and linkages for
21 people to access. Minutes from all of the Task Force's meetings
22 shall be available on the web site, and a hard copy of this
23 information shall also be made available for those persons
24 without access to the Task Force's web site. The Task Force may
25 also consult with health care providers, health care consumers,

1 business, insurers, and other appropriate individuals and
2 organizations to assist in the development of the health care
3 access plan.

4 (b) Not later than January 1, 2011 ~~September 1, 2004~~, the
5 Illinois Department of Public Health, subject to appropriation
6 or the availability of other funds for such purposes and using
7 a public request for proposals process, shall contract with an
8 independent research entity experienced in assessing the
9 implementation of health care reforms, health care financing,
10 and health care delivery models. Upon the request of at least
11 one-third ~~one-fourth~~ of the Task Force members, the research
12 entity shall be available to the Task Force for the purpose of
13 assessing other issues that Task Force members deem necessary
14 ~~financial costs and the different health care models being~~
15 ~~discussed~~. All inquiries made by Task Force members to the
16 independent research entity shall be made available on the Task
17 Force's web site.

18 (Source: P.A. 93-973, eff. 8-20-04.)

19 (20 ILCS 4045/30 rep.)

20 (20 ILCS 4045/35 rep.)

21 Section 90. The Health Care Justice Act is amended by
22 repealing Sections 30 and 35.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
24 2010.