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HEALTH CARE JUSTICE IMPLEMENTATION ACT of 2010 SB 3047

The General Assembly believes that the State must work in cooperation with the federal government to implement federal reforms effectively, in a thoughtful and expedited manner.

SB 3047 - Health Care Justice Implementation Act: With the soon to be enacted national health care reform, the State of Illinois will need to be prepared to make decisions over several years regarding the implementation of these reforms. **SB 3047** does several things:

First, **SB 3047** establishes the bipartisan *Health Care Justice Implementation Task Force* whose mission goals are: 1) to monitor the implementation of the federal health care reforms and make recommendations per state implementation; 2) assess current state programs and how they interface with the federal reform and recommend any changes if needed; and 3) develop a plan regarding additional reforms needed to ensure affordable health care.

Task Force Composition: The Task Force shall consist of 29 voting members appointed as follows:
5 shall be appointed by the Governor
6 shall be appointed by each of the following: the President of the Senate; the Minority Leader of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

Second, **SB 3047** contains provisions concerning *reports, public hearings, and research assessments*. Four public hearings will occur each year throughout the State; and no later than January 1, 2011, the Illinois Department of Public Health, subject to appropriation or the availability of other funds for such purposes and using a public request for proposals process, shall contract with an independent research entity experienced in assessing the implementation of health care reforms, health care financing, and health care delivery models.

Main Goals Expanded: On or before September 1, 2010 the Health Care Justice Implementation Task Force shall be created to accomplish the following mission:

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

(2) *Assessment of current programs*. The Task Force shall issue recommendations and positions on a wide range of issues, as seen fit by Task Force members, as it pertains to existing programs and needed changes to these programs.

(3) *Additional recommendations regarding reforms*. The Task Force shall issue a report on March 1, 2012 regarding additional state and/or state-reforms needed to ensure accessible, affordable health care to its residents.

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