

**HOUSE BILL No. 2404**

By Committee on Taxation

3-20

1 AN ACT establishing the Kansas senior services task force.

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

4 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas senior services  
5 task force. The task force shall study the following topics:

6 (1) The provision of care for seniors in the state of Kansas who suffer  
7 from Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other age-related mental health  
8 conditions;

9 (2) the administration of antipsychotic medications to adult care  
10 home residents;

11 (3) the abuse, neglect and exploitation of seniors in the state of  
12 Kansas;

13 (4) adult care home surveys and fines;

14 (5) adult care homes placed into receivership;

15 (6) the timely determination of KanCare eligibility for seniors in the  
16 state of Kansas;

17 (7) the potential effects that KanCare expansion would have on  
18 seniors in the state of Kansas;

19 (8) the funding and implementation of the senior care act; and

20 (9) senior daycare resources in the state of Kansas.

21 (b) The Kansas senior services task force shall consist of the  
22 following members:

23 (1) The chairperson of the senate standing committee on public health  
24 and welfare;

25 (2) the vice-chairperson of the senate standing committee on public  
26 health and welfare;

27 (3) the ranking minority member of the senate standing committee on  
28 public health and welfare;

29 (4) the chairperson of the house of representatives standing  
30 committee on children and seniors;

31 (5) the vice-chairperson of the house of representatives standing  
32 committee on children and seniors;

33 (6) the ranking minority member of the house of representatives  
34 standing committee on children and seniors;

35 (7) one representative of the Kansas department for aging and  
36 disability services, appointed by the secretary for aging and disability

1 services;

2 (8) one representative of the department of health and environment,  
3 appointed by the secretary of health and environment;

4 (9) one representative of the department of transportation, appointed  
5 by the secretary of transportation;

6 (10) the state long-term care ombudsman or the state long-term care  
7 ombudsman's designee;

8 (11) an elder law attorney, appointed by the governor;

9 (12) one representative of the area agencies on aging, appointed by  
10 the secretary for aging and disability services;

11 (13) one representative of the Kansas adult care executives  
12 association, appointed by the governor;

13 (14) one representative of leadingage Kansas, appointed by  
14 leadingage Kansas;

15 (15) one representative of the Kansas health care association,  
16 appointed by the Kansas health care association;

17 (16) one representative of Kansas advocates for better care, appointed  
18 by Kansas advocates for better care;

19 (17) one representative of the Kansas hospital association, appointed  
20 by the Kansas hospital association;

21 (18) one representative of community mental health centers, as  
22 defined in K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 39-2002, amendments thereto, appointed by  
23 the secretary for aging and disability services;

24 (19) one representative of an adult care home, as defined in K.S.A.  
25 39-923, and amendments thereto, appointed by the secretary for aging and  
26 disability services; and

27 (20) a person licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice  
28 medicine and surgery, appointed by the Kansas medical society.

29 (c) (1) The first members of the Kansas senior services task force  
30 shall be appointed on or before August 1, 2019. The appointing authorities  
31 listed in subsection (b) shall provide notice of such appointments to the  
32 secretary for aging and disability services on the date of such appointment.

33 (2) The chairperson of the house of representatives standing  
34 committee on children and seniors shall serve as the first chairperson of  
35 the Kansas senior services task force, and the chairperson of the senate  
36 standing committee on public health and welfare shall serve as the first  
37 vice-chairperson of the task force. The position of chairperson and vice-  
38 chairperson shall annually alternate upon the first meeting of the task force  
39 in each calendar year.

40 (3) The chairperson of the task force shall serve as the official  
41 custodian of the public records of the task force. As used in this paragraph,  
42 "official custodian" and "public records" mean the same as provided in the  
43 Kansas open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto.

1 (4) The Kansas senior services task force may meet in an open  
2 meeting at any time and at any place within the state of Kansas upon the  
3 call of the chairperson.

4 (5) A majority of the voting members of the Kansas senior services  
5 task force constitutes a quorum. Any action by the task force shall be by  
6 motion adopted by a majority of voting members present when there is a  
7 quorum.

8 (6) Any vacancy on the task force shall be filled by appointment and  
9 accompanied by notice in the manner prescribed in this section for the  
10 original appointment.

11 (d) The Kansas department for aging and disability services shall,  
12 upon request by the Kansas senior services task force, provide data and  
13 information relating to senior services in the state of Kansas that is not  
14 otherwise prohibited or restricted from disclosure by state or federal law,  
15 including conditions imposed by federal law or rules and regulations for  
16 participation in federal programs administered by the secretary for aging  
17 and disability services.

18 (e) The Kansas senior services task force shall submit a preliminary  
19 progress report to the legislature detailing the task force's study under this  
20 section on or before January 13, 2020, and a final report to the legislature  
21 detailing the task force's study on or before January 11, 2021.

22 (f) The Kansas senior services task force's report shall include  
23 recommended improvements regarding the well-being of seniors in the  
24 state of Kansas, including recommended changes to state statutes, rules  
25 and regulations, policies and programs.

26 (g) Staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research  
27 department and the division of legislative administrative services shall  
28 provide assistance as may be requested by the Kansas senior services task  
29 force.

30 (h) Subject to approval by the legislative coordinating council,  
31 members of the Kansas senior services task force attending meetings  
32 authorized by the task force shall be paid amounts provided in K.S.A. 75-  
33 3223(e), and amendments thereto, except that task force members who are  
34 employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed by such state agency.

35 (i) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2021.

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