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Senate Bill 700 (Senator Bromwell)

Finance

Task Force to Study the Non-Group Health Insurance Market

This bill creates a 13-member task force to study the characteristics of the non-group health insurance market. The task force must study the non-group products available in Maryland, the demographics of those insured in the non-group market, the affordability of non-group products, and trends in non-group premiums. The Maryland Insurance Administration and the Health Care Access and Cost Commission will provide staff support to the task force. The task force must submit a preliminary report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 15, 1999 and a final report by December 15, 2000. The bill also suspends the implementation of a substantial, available, and affordable coverage (SAAC) product until after the task force issues its preliminary report.

This bill is effective June 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Expenses associated with staffing the task force could be handled with existing resources of the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Health Care Access and Cost Commission, as could any expense reimbursements for task force members. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Maryland Insurance Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Care Access and Cost Commission), Department of Legislative Services

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