

SENATE BILL 49

C3

9lr0078

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

Requested: October 15, 2018

Introduced and read first time: January 9, 2019

Assigned to: Finance

Committee Report: Favorable

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: February 4, 2019

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Cooperative Purchasing for Health Insurance –**
3 **Membership and Staffing**

4 FOR the purpose of removing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the
5 Commissioner's designee, from the membership of the Task Force to Study
6 Cooperative Purchasing for Health Insurance; removing the requirement that the
7 Maryland Insurance Administration provide staff for the Task Force; and generally
8 relating to the Task Force to Study Cooperative Purchasing for Health Insurance.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Chapter 307 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
11 Section 2

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Chapter 307 of the Acts of 2018**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Cooperative Purchasing for Health Insurance.

17 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (1) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

2 [(2) the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner's
3 designee;]

4 [(3)] (2) the Procurement Advisor;

5 [(4)] (3) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

6 (i) one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;

7 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of
8 Education;

9 (iii) one representative of the Maryland Municipal League;

10 (iv) one representative of the Maryland Public Purchasing
11 Association;

12 (v) one representative of the supplemental benefits industry;

13 (vi) one representative of the Maryland Retired School Personnel
14 Association; and

15 (vii) one representative of Maryland Nonprofits;

16 [(5)] (4) one representative of the American Federation for State, County,
17 and Municipal Employees, appointed by the President of the American Federation for
18 State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 3;

19 [(6)] (5) one representative of the Maryland State Education Association,
20 appointed by the President of the Association;

21 [(7)] (6) one representative of the American Federation for State, County,
22 and Municipal Employees, appointed by the President of the American Federation for
23 State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 67;

24 [(8)] (7) one representative of the Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO,
25 appointed by the President of the Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO; and

26 [(9)] (8) one representative of the AFT-Maryland, appointed by the
27 President of AFT-Maryland.

28 (c) The Procurement Advisor shall be the chair of the Task Force.

1 (d) The Department of Budget and Management [and the Maryland Insurance
2 Administration] shall provide staff for the Task Force.

3 (e) A member of the Task Force:

4 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

5 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
6 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

7 (f) In order to pool public employee health care purchasing by the State, counties,
8 municipal corporations, and county boards to maximize value while maintaining a broad
9 package of benefits and reasonable premiums, the Task Force shall:

10 (1) study models of cooperative purchasing of health insurance;

11 (2) recommend the health insurance benefit options that should be offered
12 to:

13 (i) nonprofit organizations that qualify and elect to participate in
14 the State health plan;

15 (ii) county, municipal corporation, and county board employees;

16 (iii) a surviving spouse, child, or dependent parent of a county,
17 municipal corporation, or county board employee who died while employed by the State;
18 and

19 (iv) a retired county, municipal corporation, or county board
20 employee;

21 (3) recommend ways to:

22 (i) minimize and combine administrative costs; and

23 (ii) transition the State, counties, municipal corporations, and
24 county boards to new plans, as applicable, without adversely affecting the health benefits
25 of any employee;

26 (4) recommend whether the State should limit the number of nonprofit
27 organizations that may participate in the State health plan; and

28 (5) make any other recommendations to control health costs and offer a
29 variety of health benefit plan choices.

30 (g) On or before January 1, 2020, the Task Force shall report its findings and
31 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State

1 Government Article, the General Assembly.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
3 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.