

Senate Government Operations Committee 1

Amendment No. 1 to SB2107

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1.

(a) There is created a task force to recommend legislative solutions to protect consumers from balance billing by healthcare providers.

(b) In order to recommend legislative solutions pursuant to subsection (a), the task force shall:

(1) Study other states' approaches to balance billing;

(2) Assess the potential fiscal impact to this state of applying the various potential approaches;

(3) Seek additional input from stakeholders in the healthcare system;

(4) Identify preferable legislative solutions for this state that best address the problem without a fiscal impact to this state; and

(5) Report its findings to the commerce and labor committee of the senate and the insurance and banking committee of the house of representatives.

(c) The task force shall be comprised of the following individuals:

(1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and who shall serve as co-chairs of the task force;

(2) Two (2) members of the senate, who shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate and who shall serve as co-chairs of the task force;

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(3) Six (6) members representing healthcare providers, who shall be appointed by the co-chairs of the task force;

(4) Six (6) members representing the health insurance industry, who shall be appointed by the co-chairs of the task force;

(5) One (1) representative, who shall be appointed by the commissioner of commerce and insurance; and

(6) One (1) representative, who shall be appointed by the director of the bureau of TennCare.

(d) The co-chairs of the task force shall designate one (1) member from the individuals described in subsection (c) to serve as coordinator. The coordinator's duties shall include correspondence, scheduling, presiding when co-chairs are unable to attend, recordkeeping, and presenting findings to the commerce and labor committee of the senate and the insurance and banking committee of the house of representatives.

(e) Members of the general assembly serving on the task force shall not receive compensation, per diem, or travel reimbursement incurred in fulfilling any of the duties described in this act.

(f) Members of the task force as described in subdivision (c)(5) and (6) shall only participate in the task force within existing resources.

(g) The task force shall cease to exist on December 31, 2016, after reporting its findings to the commerce and labor committee of the senate and the insurance and banking committee of the house of representatives.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.