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In Senate, February 25, 1999

Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Determine the Effectiveness and Quality of Care of In-home Care Services.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Senators: PARADIS of Aroostook, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representatives: ANDREWS of York, STEDMAN of Hartland.

	Determine the Effectiveness and Quality of Care of In-home Care Services, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is
	established; and be it further
6	Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of the following 6 members:
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10	A. One Legislator, appointed by the President of the Senate;
12	B. One Legislator, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
14	C. Three people who are consumers of in-home care services, appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services; and
16	D. One person who represents the home health care industry; and be it further
18	Sec. 3. Chair and officers. Resolved: That the task force shall
	choose one of its members to serve as chair. The task force may select other officers and designate their duties; and be it
	further
24	Sec. 4. Appointments; meetings. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
26	effective date of this resolve. The first meeting of the task force must convene no later than October 1, 1999. The task force may hold up to 6 meetings; and be it further
	Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall study the following aspects of the acute and long-term home care industry:
32	A. The extent to which the needs of the State's elderly
34	population are being served by the industry;
36	B. The quality of services delivered by the industry;
38	C. The outcomes of services delivered by the industry;
40	D. The retention of staff and other issues related to
42	staffing, including wages and salaries;
44	E. The costs of administering home health care; and
46	F. The financial condition of the industry; and be it further
48	Sec. 6. Staff. Resolved: Upon approval of the Legislative
50	Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force; and be it further

Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force to

Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved: That members of the task force who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day's attendance at meetings of the task force. All members of the task force are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses, upon application to the Legislative Council. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer the task force's budget; and be it further

Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That the task force shall submit its report, together with any recommended implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature no later than January 15, 2000. If the task force requires an extension of time to complete its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant an extension.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Task Force to Determine the Effectiveness and Quality of Care of In-home Care Services. Members include 2 Legislators, 3 people who use home health care services and one person who represents the home health care industry. The task force must report its findings to the Legislature by January 15, 2000.