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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Women's Health Initiative Advisory
2 Council; to amend section 71-702, Revised Statutes
3 Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to eliminate a termination
4 date; and to repeal the original section.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-702, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

3 71-702 (1) The Women's Health Initiative Advisory
4 Council is created and shall consist of not more than thirty
5 members, at least three-fourths of whom are women. At least
6 one member shall be appointed from the following disciplines:
7 (a) An obstetrician/gynecologist; (b) a nurse practitioner or
8 physician's assistant from a rural community; (c) a geriatrics
9 physician or nurse; (d) a pediatrician; (e) a community public
10 health representative from each congressional district; (f) a
11 health educator; (g) an insurance industry representative; (h) a
12 mental health professional; (i) a representative from a statewide
13 health volunteer agency; (j) a private health care industry
14 representative; (k) an epidemiologist or a health statistician; (l)
15 a foundation representative; and (m) a woman who is a health care
16 consumer from each of the following age categories: Eighteen to
17 thirty; thirty-one to forty; forty-one to sixty-five; and sixty-six
18 and older. The membership shall also include a representative of
19 the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a representative from
20 Creighton University Medical Center, the executive director of the
21 Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women or his or her designee,
22 the chief medical officer if one is appointed under section
23 81-3115, and the Title V Director of the Department of Health and
24 Human Services.

25 (2) The Governor shall appoint advisory council members

1 and shall consider and attempt to balance representation based
2 on political party affiliation, race, and different geographical
3 areas of Nebraska when making appointments. The Governor shall
4 appoint the first chairperson and vice-chairperson of the advisory
5 council. There shall be two ex officio, nonvoting members from the
6 Legislature, one of which shall be the chairperson of the Health
7 and Human Services Committee.

8 (3) The terms of the initial members shall be as follows:
9 One-third shall serve for one-year terms, one-third shall serve
10 for two-year terms, and one-third shall serve for three-year terms
11 including the members designated chairperson and vice-chairperson.
12 Thereafter members shall serve for three-year terms. Members may
13 not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

14 (4) The Governor shall make the appointments within three
15 months after July 13, 2000.

16 (5) The advisory council shall meet quarterly the first
17 two years. After this time the advisory council shall meet at least
18 every six months or upon the call of the chairperson or a majority
19 of the voting members. A quorum shall be one-half of the voting
20 members.

21 (6) The members of the advisory council shall be
22 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided
23 in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 and pursuant to policies of the
24 advisory council. Funds for reimbursement for expenses shall be
25 from the Women's Health Initiative Fund.

1 (7) The advisory council shall advise the Women's Health
2 Initiative of Nebraska in carrying out its duties under section
3 71-701 and may solicit private funds to support the initiative.

4 ~~(8) The advisory council terminates on December 31, 2009.~~

5 Sec. 2. Original section 71-702, Revised Statutes
6 Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is repealed.