

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB690

Introduced by Murante, 49, Chairman Enrollment and Review

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments
2 thereto and insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human
4 Services shall apply to the United States Department of Health
5 and Human Services for a grant under the State Balancing Incentive
6 Payments Program enacted in section 10202 of the federal Patient
7 Protection and Affordable Care Act. Funds from the grant shall
8 be used to develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of home
9 and community-based long-term care services. The department shall
10 file the grant application not later than July 31, 2014, and the
11 application shall meet the requirements of section 10202 of the
12 federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

13 (2) On or before December 1, 2014, the Department of
14 Health and Human Services shall report to the Health and Human
15 Services Committee of the Legislature on the status of the grant
16 application.

17 Sec. 2. (1) The Aging Nebraskans Task Force is created.
18 The purpose of the task force is to develop and facilitate
19 implementation of a statewide strategic plan for addressing the
20 needs of the aging population in the state. The nine-member
21 task force shall provide a permanent forum for collaboration
22 among state, local, community, public, and private stakeholders in
23 long-term care programs.

1 (2) (a) The executive committee of the task force shall
2 include as voting members the chairperson of the Health and
3 Human Services Committee of the Legislature, a member of the
4 Appropriations Committee of the Legislature appointed by the
5 Executive Board of the Legislative Council, and a member of the
6 Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature appointed by
7 the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

8 (b) The chief executive officer of the Department of
9 Health and Human Services or his or her designee and the Chief
10 Justice of the Supreme Court or his or her designee shall be
11 nonvoting, ex officio members of the executive committee of the
12 task force.

13 (c) The remaining four members of the task force shall
14 be appointed by the executive committee of the task force through
15 an application and selection process, representing stakeholders in
16 the long-term care system and may include a representative of
17 the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Advisory Committee
18 on Aging, representatives of health care providers, elder law
19 attorneys, representatives of the long-term care ombudsman program,
20 health care economists, geriatric specialists, family caregivers
21 of seniors in at-home care, providers of services to the elderly,
22 seniors currently or previously in institutional care, and aging
23 advocacy organizations.

24 (3) The executive committee of the task force shall
25 advise the task force regarding the interaction among the three
26 branches of government related to long-term care programs and
27 services. The members of the executive committee shall each

1 represent his or her own branch of government, and no member
2 of the executive committee shall participate in actions that could
3 be deemed to be the exercise of the duties and prerogatives
4 of another branch of government or that improperly delegate the
5 powers and duties of any branch of government to another branch of
6 government.

7 (4) The task force shall work with administrators
8 of area agencies on aging, nursing home and assisted-living
9 residence providers, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, managed
10 care companies, senior citizen centers, community stakeholders,
11 advocates for elder services and programs, the Center for Public
12 Affairs Research of the College of Public Affairs and Community
13 Service at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and seniors
14 statewide to establish effective community collaboration for
15 informed decisionmaking that supports the provisions of effective
16 and efficient long-term care services.

17 (5) The task force shall create a statewide strategic
18 plan for long-term care services in Nebraska which shall consider,
19 but not be limited to:

20 (a) Promotion of independent living through provision of
21 long-term care services and support that enable an individual to
22 live in the setting of his or her choice;

23 (b) Provision of leadership to support sound fiscal
24 management of long-term care budgets so that Nebraska will be able
25 to meet the increasing demand for long-term care services as a
26 growing portion of the state's population reaches the age of eighty
27 years;

1 (c) Expedited creation of workforce development and
2 training programs specific to the needs of and in response to
3 Nebraska's growing aging population;

4 (d) A systemwide evaluation by a national entity with
5 expertise in evaluating long-term state budgeting for long-term
6 care services and support that is necessary to sustain an efficient
7 and effective system of care;

8 (e) The identification of gaps in the service delivery
9 system that contribute to the inefficient and ineffective delivery
10 of services; and

11 (f) Development of a process for evaluating the quality
12 of residential and home and community-based long-term care services
13 and support.

14 (6) The executive committee may hire staff to fulfill
15 the responsibilities of the task force within the limits of
16 appropriations.

17 Sec. 3. On or before December 15, 2014, the Aging
18 Nebraskans Task Force shall present to the Legislature a report
19 of recommendations for the statewide strategic plan described in
20 section 2 of this act.

21 Sec. 4. The Aging Nebraskans Task Force terminates on
22 June 30, 2016, unless extended by the Legislature.

23 Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
24 when passed and approved according to law.

25 2. On page 1, line 4, after the semicolon insert "to
26 provide a termination date;".