

40-3403b. Health care stabilization fund oversight committee; members, compensation and expenses; duties; legislative staff assistance; information provided for actuarial review, confidentiality, exemption from legal process.

(a) There is hereby created a health care stabilization fund oversight committee to consist of eleven members, one of whom shall be the chairperson of the board of governors or another member of the board of governors designated by the chairperson, one of whom shall be appointed by the president of the state senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the state senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the state house of representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the state house of representatives and six of whom shall be persons appointed by the legislative coordinating council. The four members appointed by the president and minority leader of the state senate and the speaker and minority leader of the state house of representatives shall be members of the state legislature. Of the six members appointed by the legislative coordinating council, four shall either be health care providers or be employed by health care providers, one shall be a representative of the insurance industry and one shall be appointed from the public at large who is not affiliated with any health care provider or the insurance industry, but none of such six members shall be members of the state legislature. Members serving on the committee on July 1, 2014, shall continue to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

(b) The legislative coordinating council shall designate a chairperson of the committee from among the members thereof. The committee shall meet upon the call of the chairperson. It shall be the responsibility of the committee to make an annual report to the legislative coordinating council on or before January 1 of each year and to perform such additional duties as the legislative coordinating council shall direct. The report required to be made to the legislative coordinating council shall include recommendations to the legislature on the advisability of continuation or termination of the fund or any provisions of this act, an analysis of the market for insurance for health care providers, recommendations on ways to reduce claim and operational costs of the fund, and legislation necessary to implement recommendations of the committee.

(c) The board of governors shall provide any consulting actuarial firm contracting with the legislative coordinating council with such information or materials pertaining to the health care stabilization fund deemed necessary by the actuarial firm for performing the requirements of any actuarial reviews for the health care stabilization fund oversight committee notwithstanding any confidentiality prohibition, restriction or limitation imposed on such information or materials by any other law. The consulting actuarial firm and all employees and former employees thereof shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality imposed by law on other persons or state agencies with regard to information and materials so provided and shall be subject to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by law for violations of such duty of confidentiality. Any reports of the consulting actuarial firm shall be made in a manner which will not reveal directly or indirectly the name of any persons or entities or individual reserve information involved in claims or actions for damages for personal injury or loss due to error, omission or negligence in the performance of professional services by health care providers. Information provided to the actuary shall not be subject to discovery, subpoena or other means of legal compulsion in any civil proceedings and shall be returned by the actuary to the health care stabilization fund.

(d) The staff of the legislative research department, the office of the revisor of statutes and the division of legislative administrative services shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the committee and to the extent authorized by the legislative coordinating council.

(e) Members of the committee attending meetings of the committee, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the committee, shall be paid compensation, travel expenses and subsistence expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto.

(f) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the health care provider insurance availability act.

History: L. 1989, ch. 143, § 6; L. 1990, ch. 176, § 1; L. 1991, ch. 139, § 4; L. 1994, ch. 155, § 3; L. 2014, ch. 56, § 9; July 1.