

State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program Legislative Task Force Rules

PURPOSE: The purpose of these rules is to establish rules and procedures for conducting the business of the **State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program Legislative Task Force** and to inform the members of the General Assembly and the public of the procedures and rules of the task force.

DUTIES: The task force is required by Acts 3 and 6 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2013 to:

1. Develop an implementation plan for the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program that will allow the program to operate on an actuarially sound basis while ensuring a high-quality, low-cost program of insurance for state employees, state employee retirees, public school employees, and public school employee retirees;
2. Increase public awareness and transparency of the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program, including plan options available under the program and the governance and operation of the program;
3. Develop a legislative framework that will promote the actuarial soundness and stability of the program;
4. Study all aspects of the state and public school life and health insurance program for the purpose of recommending changes that will ensure the financial stability of the program while offering participants affordable healthcare coverage;
5. Research current insurance concepts, market conditions, regulatory issues, the effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, and best practices from other states;
6. Explore cost-containment measures and funding options for plan options offered under the program;
7. Explore ways to promote competition among vendors and the offering of competitive health insurance plan options that include quality-of-care delivery, portability, and accessible and affordable healthcare;
8. Explore the role that current structure of the program, and plan options under the program, have historically contributed to the volatility of the system;
9. Review state statutes that may be barriers to the overall actuarial soundness and stability of the program;

10. Prepare a comprehensive analysis of recommended health insurance plan options to be offered under the program;
11. Evaluate the governance and structure of the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board;
12. Contract with consultants to assist with the study if the task force determines it is necessary;
13. Prepare and file a written, preliminary report of the task force's activities, findings, and recommendations on or before June 30, 2014, with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and
14. Prepare and file a written, final report of the task force's activities, findings, and recommendations on or before June 29, 2015, with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: Except as otherwise specified in these rules, the rules of the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate shall be observed by the task force, insofar as they are applicable. If an applicable rule does not exist or the House and Senate rules are incompatible, the chair shall decide the issue.

1. The task force is made up of twelve (12) members. Seven (7) task force members constitute a quorum. Action by the task force requires a majority vote of the members present at a meeting in which a quorum is present.
2. Minutes of each task force meeting shall be produced and adopted at the subsequent scheduled meeting.
3. The chair may provide the public an opportunity to speak during task force meetings to allow for public comment on issues before the task force.
4. A motion shall receive a second to be considered for action by the task force.
5. The task force shall vote by voice vote unless a roll call vote is requested by two (2) or more task force members. Roll call votes shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.