

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007

A Bill

SENATE BILL 980

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5 By: Senators Horn, Critcher
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE
10 ON HEALTH INSURANCE AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE JOINT INTERIM
15 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH INSURANCE AND
16 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 3, Subchapter 20 is
22 repealed.

23 ~~10-3-2001. Creation—Members.~~

24 ~~(a) There is established the Joint Interim Committee on Health~~
25 ~~Insurance and Prescription Drugs as a joint interim committee of the General~~
26 ~~Assembly.~~

27 ~~(b) The committee shall be composed of the following voting members:~~

28 ~~(1) Two (2) members of the House Interim Committee on Insurance~~
29 ~~and Commerce appointed by the chair of the committee;~~

30 ~~(2) Two (2) members of the Senate Interim Committee on Insurance~~
31 ~~and Commerce appointed by the chair of the committee;~~

32 ~~(3) Two (2) members of the House Interim Committee on Public~~
33 ~~Health, Welfare, and Labor appointed by the chair of the committee;~~

34 ~~(4) Two (2) members of the Senate Interim Committee on Public~~
35 ~~Health, Welfare, and Labor appointed by the chair of the committee;~~

36 ~~(5) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives appointed by~~



1 ~~the Speaker of the House; and~~

2 ~~(6) Two (2) members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro~~
3 ~~Tempore of the Senate.~~

4 ~~(c)(1) The Speaker of the House shall designate one (1) House member~~
5 ~~of the committee as a cochair of the committee.~~

6 ~~(2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one~~
7 ~~(1) Senate member of the committee as a cochair of the committee.~~

8 ~~(d) A quorum for transacting business shall be a majority of the~~
9 ~~legislator members of the committee.~~

10 ~~(e) The two (2) cochairs shall preside at each meeting of the~~
11 ~~committee or may rotate from meeting to meeting as presiding officers as they~~
12 ~~determine.~~

13 ~~(f) The committee shall meet upon call of the cochairs or upon call by~~
14 ~~a majority of its legislator members.~~

15 ~~(g) A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term~~
16 ~~in the same manner as the original appointment.~~

17 ~~(h) Legislator members of the committee shall be entitled to~~
18 ~~reimbursement for expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the same~~
19 ~~source as provided by law for members of the General Assembly attending~~
20 ~~meetings of interim committees.~~

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22 ~~10-3-2002. Advisory members.~~

23 ~~(a) The cochairs of the Joint Interim Committee on Health Insurance~~
24 ~~and Prescription Drugs may jointly appoint nonlegislators as advisory members~~
25 ~~of the committee.~~

26 ~~(b) The advisory members of the committee shall be privileged to~~
27 ~~attend all meetings of the committee and shall enjoy the full rights of~~
28 ~~membership on the committee, including the right to discuss matters pending~~
29 ~~before the committee and to participate in debate of issues before the~~
30 ~~committee, but shall not cast a vote on any issue pending before the~~
31 ~~committee.~~

32 ~~(c) The terms of the advisory members shall expire on December 31 of~~
33 ~~each even-numbered year.~~

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35 ~~10-3-2003. Duties.~~

36 ~~The Joint Interim Committee on Health Insurance and Prescription Drugs~~

1 ~~shall study:~~

2 ~~(1) Mandated and optional health insurance benefits, gaps in~~
3 ~~coverage, and the effect on Arkansans;~~

4 ~~(2) Prescription drug pricing structures and cost-containment~~
5 ~~strategies;~~

6 ~~(3) The quality of healthcare received by Arkansans;~~

7 ~~(4) Reports detailing the activity of the Arkansas Safety Net~~
8 ~~Benefit Program, § 23-79-1001 et seq.; and~~

9 ~~(5) Reports received from the Arkansas Health Data Initiative, §~~
10 ~~20-8-401 et seq.~~

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