

recently, in Public Act 095-0005, which was enacted on May 31, 2007, the State extended the

Public Act 095-0005 also establishes a task force to assess long term reforms to the State Certificate of Need program. The task force is specifically directed to make recommendations regarding, *inter alia*, the impact of a sunset provision in the Certificate of Need Act and “[r]eforms that will enable the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to focus most of its project review efforts on ‘Certificate-of-Need’ applications involving new facilities,

discontinuation of services, major expansions, and volume sensitive services, and to ensure that

Exhibit A

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AN ACT concerning State government

WHEREAS, The 94th General Assembly funded a study by the

Department of Public Safety, which recommended that the Department of Public Safety

Sec. 15.5. Task Force on Health Planning Reform.

(a) The Task Force on Health Planning Reform is created.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of 19 voting members, as follows: 6 persons, who are not currently employed by a State agency, appointed by the Director of Public Health, 3 of whom shall be persons with knowledge and experience in the delivery of health care services, including at least one person representing organized health service workers, 2 of whom shall be persons with professional experience in the administration or management of health care facilities, and one of whom shall be a person with experience in health planning; 2 members of the Illinois Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be a co-chair to the Task Force; 2 members of the Illinois Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; 2 members of the Illinois House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall

be a co-chair to the Task Force; 2 members of the Illinois House of Representatives appointed by the House Minority Leader; the Attorney General, or his or her designee; and 4 members of the general public, representing health care consumers, appointed by the Attorney General of Illinois.

The following persons, or their designees, shall serve, ex officio, as nonvoting members of the Task Force: the Director

of Public Health, the Secretary of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board, the Director of Healthcare and

Facilities Planning Board to focus most of its project review efforts on "Certificate-of-Need" applications involving new facilities, discontinuation of services, major expansions, and volume-sensitive services, and to expedite review of other projects to the maximum extent possible.

(5) Reforms that will enable the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to determine how criteria, standards, and procedures for evaluating project applications involving specialty providers, ambulatory surgical facilities, and other alternative health care models should be amended to give special attention to the impact of those projects on traditional community hospitals to assure the availability and access to essential quality medical care in those communities.

(6) Implementation of policies and procedures necessary for the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to give special consideration to the impact of the projects it reviews on access to "safety net" services.

(7) Changes in policies and procedures to make the Illinois health facilities planning process predictable, transparent, and as efficient as possible; requiring the State Agency (the Illinois Department of Public Health) and the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to provide timely and appropriate explanations of its decisions and establish more effective procedures to enable public review and comment on facts set forth in State Agency staff analyses of project applications prior to the issuance of final decisions on each project.

(8) Reforms to ensure that patient access to new and modernized services will not be delayed during a transition period under any proposed system reform; and that the transition should minimize disruption of the process for current applicants.

(9) Identification of the resources necessary to support the work of the Agency and the Board

following:

(1) The size and membership of current Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board. Review and make recommendations on the reorganization of the structure and function of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board and the State Agency responsible for health planning (the Illinois Department of Public Health), giving consideration to various options for reorganizing the system.

facilities and services that are not...

under this Act, as determined by the Board. The planning criteria and standards should be adjusted to take into consideration services that are regulated under the Act, but are also offered by non-regulated providers. The Illinois Department of Public Health bed inventory should be updated each year using the most recent utilization data for both hospitals and long-term care facilities.

and days. This revised bed supply should be used as the bed

(6) Changes to enforcement processes and compliance standards to ensure they are fair and consistent with the severity of the violation.

(7) Revisions in policies and procedures to prevent conflicts of interest by members of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board and State Agency staff,

(8) Other changes determined necessary to improve the administration of this Act.

(e) The State Agency, at the direction of the Task Force, may hire any necessary staff or consultants, enter into contracts, and make any expenditures necessary for carrying out the duties of the Task Force, all out of moneys appropriated

for that purpose. Staff support services shall be provided to the Task Force by the State Agency from such appropriations.

(f) The Task Force may establish any advisory committee to ensure maximum public participation in the Task Force's planning, organization, and implementation review process. If established, advisory committees shall (i) advise and assist the Task Force in its duties and (ii) identify issues of public concern.

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(g) The Task Force shall submit findings and

recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by March 1, 2008, including any necessary implementing legislation, and recommendations for changes to policies, rules, or procedures that are not incorporated in the implementing legislation.

(h) The Task Force is abolished on August 1, 2008.

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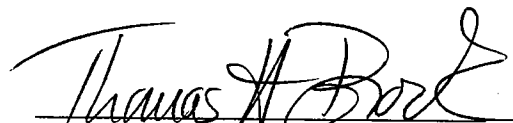
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