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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 81-1178, Reissue
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to create the Nebraska
3 Insurance Choices Exchange Task Force; to provide powers
4 and duties for the task force; to require a report; to
5 provide a termination date; to harmonize provisions; to
6 repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Nebraska Insurance Choices Exchange
2 Task Force is created. The task force shall consist of the following
3 members, to be appointed on or before July 1, 2011:

4 (a) The Director of Insurance or his or her designee;
5 (b) The chief executive officer of the Department of
6 Health and Human Services or his or her designee;
7 (c) The Chief Information Officer or his or her designee;
8 (d) Three members of the Legislature, appointed by the
9 Executive Board of the Legislative Council; and
10 (e) Three public members, one from each congressional
11 district, appointed by the Governor.

12 (2) Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the
13 initial appointment. Members of the task force shall serve without
14 compensation and without reimbursement for actual expenses.
15 Administrative and staff support for the task force shall be provided
16 by the staff of the members of the Legislature that are appointed to
17 the task force.

18 Sec. 2. (1) The purpose of the Nebraska Insurance Choices
19 Exchange Task Force is to study, evaluate, and develop
20 recommendations regarding the establishment, governance, and
21 requirements of the health insurance exchange required by the federal
22 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, as
23 amended, to facilitate the purchase and sale of qualified health
24 plans in the individual and small group market in this state and to
25 evaluate the establishment of a small business health options program

1 exchange to assist qualified small employers in this state in
2 facilitating the enrollment of their employees in qualified health
3 plans offered in the small group market.

4 (2) The task force shall develop recommendations to
5 ensure that the health insurance exchange will reduce health care
6 costs, reduce the number of uninsured individuals, provide a
7 transparent marketplace, and provide consumer education to assist
8 individuals with access to programs, premium assistance tax credits,
9 and cost-sharing reductions.

10 (3) The task force shall be considered a stakeholder for
11 any activities conducted by the Department of Insurance under the
12 department's Affordable Care Act Exchange Investigation Study. The
13 task force shall review interim and final reports and all other
14 recommendations resulting from the department's study.

15 (4) The task force shall submit a report to the
16 Legislature on or before December 1, 2011, with recommendations
17 regarding the implementation of the health insurance exchange.

18 (5) The task force shall oversee implementation of the
19 health insurance exchange in Nebraska until June 30, 2012.

20 (6) This section and section 1 of this act terminate on
21 June 30, 2012.

22 Sec. 3. Section 81-1178, Reissue Revised Statutes of
23 Nebraska, is amended to read:

24 81-1178 Any Except as expressly prohibited in subsection
25 (2) of section 1 of this act, any member of any state commission,

1 council, committee, or board which has been created by statute shall
2 be entitled to be reimbursed for expenses in the same manner as
3 provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 for state employees whether
4 or not specific reference is made to such sections.

5 Sec. 4. Original section 81-1178, Reissue Revised
6 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

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