

HB 129 -- Health Insurance

Sponsor: Johnson (47)

This bill creates the Mandated Health Benefit Review Commission. The commission will review all health insurance coverage mandates currently required by law and any such mandates offered by legislators in the future. The commission must file a report with the General Assembly by January 2005 detailing any proposed changes to those mandates currently in law. The General Assembly may implement the commission's recommendations by resolution.

The bill also requires that any bill containing a health insurance coverage mandate must be evaluated by the commission before the law can be enacted.

The bill sets forth an extensive list of issues that the commission must address when it reviews any proposed mandate. The commission will be composed of the directors of the departments of Insurance and Health and Senior Services, two members of the House of Representatives, and two members of the Senate, all of whom serve as ex-officio members. The Governor will appoint six voting members to the commission who will include two individuals representing employers, two employees who pay for a portion of their health insurance, and two individuals who purchase their own health insurance.