

HB 1453 -- Head Injury Advisory Council

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This bill transfers the Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council from the Office of Administration to the Department of Health and Senior Services. Members of the council serving since February 2, 2005, will continue to fulfill their current terms. Thereafter, the council will decrease from the present 25 members to 18; and all members will be appointed by the department director with at least four members with head injuries or relatives of persons with head injuries and 14 members from professions that administer programs regarding mental health, education, public health, public safety, insurance, and the Missouri Medicaid Program.

The full council will meet at least twice a year or at the call of the council chairperson, and subcommittees can meet on an as-needed basis. Currently, the council is required to meet at once least every 90 days.

All powers, functions, and duties of the Division of Injury Prevention, Head Injury Rehabilitation and Local Health Services will also be transferred to the department. The department is required to develop the rules necessary to prescribe policies or standards which affect the charges and funding of adult head injury rehabilitation services and rules establishing a reasonable standard means test.