

HB 2288 -- PATIENT EDUCATION TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Riggs

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Aging by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill establishes the "21st Century Missouri Patient Education Task Force."

The task force includes three members appointed by the Speaker of the House, two members appointed by the House Minority Leader, three appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, two appointed by the Senate Minority Leader, the Governor, and specified department members. The task force also includes seven members representing the interests of primary care physicians, hospitals, health insurance carriers, nurses, emergency medical personnel, a nonprofit organization and a community health program, as specified in the bill.

The mission of the task force is to evaluate the state's patient education system, required funding, study successful patient education models and identify effective patient education strategies. The task force must report a summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the General Assembly before August 28, 2021. The task force will terminate on January 1, 2022.

This bill is similar to HB 735 (2019).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that patient education is a positive contributor to health promotion and this task force would help Missouri explore better, innovative ways to deliver quality patient education.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Riggs and Missouri Hospital Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.