

SENATE BILL NO. 483

July 17, 2025, Introduced by Senators BAYER, SINGH, POLEHANKI, MOSS, GEISS, CHANG, CAVANAGH, IRWIN, WOJNO, SHINK, MCMORROW and HERTEL and referred to Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 2220.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2220. (1) The palliative care advisory task force is
2 created in the department.

3 (2) Not later than January 1, 2027, the governor, with the
4 advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint the members of the
5 palliative care advisory task force. Subject to subsection (3), the
6 palliative care advisory task force must consist of the following

1 members:

2 (a) An individual representing a statewide organization
3 representing hospices and home care agencies.

4 (b) Five individuals who are palliative care clinical experts,
5 including, but not limited to, physicians, registered nurses, and
6 nurse practitioners. One individual who is appointed under this
7 subdivision must also represent a rural area of this state.

8 (c) Two individuals who represent leaders or administrators in
9 providing palliative care.

10 (d) Two individuals who represent a patient receiving
11 palliative care or family members of a patient receiving palliative
12 care.

13 (e) An individual who represents a statewide organization that
14 represents insurance companies.

15 (f) An individual who represents the Children's Palliative
16 Care Coalition of Michigan.

17 (g) An individual who represents the Michigan Health and
18 Hospital Association.

19 (3) A person other than an individual must not be represented
20 by more than 1 member on the taskforce at 1 time.

21 (4) The term of a member of the palliative care advisory task
22 force is 4 years. If a vacancy occurs on the palliative care
23 advisory task force, the governor, with the advice and consent of
24 the senate, shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy for the
25 balance of the term.

26 (5) The governor may remove a member of the palliative care
27 advisory task force for incompetence, dereliction of duty,
28 malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or any other
29 good cause.

1 (6) A member shall call the first meeting of the palliative
2 care advisory task force. At the first meeting, the palliative care
3 advisory task force shall elect a member as a chairperson and may
4 elect other officers that it considers necessary or appropriate.
5 The palliative care advisory task force shall meet at least
6 quarterly, or more frequently at the call of the chairperson or at
7 the request of 3 or more members.

8 (7) A majority of the members of the palliative care advisory
9 task force constitutes a quorum for transacting business. A quorum
10 of the members of the palliative care advisory task force serving
11 is required for any action of the palliative care advisory task
12 force.

13 (8) The palliative care advisory task force shall conduct its
14 business in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL
15 15.261 to 15.275.

16 (9) A writing that is prepared, owned, used, possessed, or
17 retained by the palliative care advisory task force in performing
18 an official function is subject to the freedom of information act,
19 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

20 (10) A member of the palliative care advisory task force is
21 not entitled to compensation for service on the palliative care
22 advisory task force but the department may reimburse a member for
23 actual and necessary expenses incurred in serving.

24 (11) The palliative care advisory task force shall do all of
25 the following:

26 (a) Provide the legislature with a recommended definition for
27 palliative care within this state.

28 (b) Conduct research on palliative care.

29 (c) Make recommendations that will expand the provision of

1 palliative care.

2 (d) Identify palliative care services that are offered and
3 measures for reimbursement of the services.

4 (e) Develop key program metrics for palliative care services
5 and make recommendations to the department and the legislature.

6 (f) Collaborate with individuals who can improve and expand
7 high-quality palliative care services.

8 (g) Develop engagement strategies to educate the public on
9 access to palliative care and to improve an individual's ability to
10 make informed decisions on preferred care.

11 (h) Identify the capacity of palliative care providers to
12 provide palliative care services.

13 (12) Not later than January 1, 2028, and every year
14 thereafter, the palliative care task force shall create and make
15 publicly available a report that identifies the palliative care
16 services available in this state and any palliative care services
17 that are not offered in this state but would provide a benefit.