

HB 556 -- Advisory Council on Pain and Symptom Management

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This bill establishes the Missouri State Advisory Council on Pain and Symptom Management within the Department of Health and Senior Services. The council will have 19 members who must be appointed by February 1, 2004. The bill specifies the terms of service for the members. The department is required to provide administrative support to the council. The times the council will conduct meetings and the subject areas the council are required to examine are specified. The council is required to submit an annual report to the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and the Governor by February 1 of each year. The bill specifies the content of the report. The department is permitted to accept any federal funds, gifts, and donations on behalf of the council.