

HB 231 -- Missouri Senior Advocacy and Efficiency Commission

Sponsor: Portwood

This bill establishes within the Department of Health and Senior Services the Missouri Senior Advocacy and Efficiency Commission. The bill:

- (1) Specifies the membership of the commission and their terms of service;
- (2) Allows for reasonable reimbursement for expenses incurred by commission members for the performance of their official duties;
- (3) Requires the department to provide necessary staff for administrative support of the commission;
- (4) Requires the commission to meet at least every 90 days;
- (5) Charges the commission to gather information pertaining to the quality and efficiency of senior services offered by the state, analyze statutes and administrative rules as to the efficiency or lack thereof of certain programs, utilize staff of the General Assembly to assist seniors in making application for federal prescription drug assistance, serve as a resource for state and federal pharmaceutical benefits, and maintain a web site and toll-free senior advocacy support telephone number;
- (6) Requires the commission to submit a report to the Governor, General Assembly, and the department by February 1, 2007, and every February 1 thereafter; and
- (7) Allows the department to accept federal moneys, gifts, and donations on behalf of the commission.