

Establishes the La. Health Care Independence Commission for the purpose of studying the optimum means and procedures by which to provide health care services to Louisiana's uninsured residents utilizing any and all funding that is available.

Provides that the commission shall be composed of:

- (1) One at-large member appointed by the governor.
- (2) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, or the secretary's designee.
- (3) The Medicaid Director for the Department of Health and Hospitals.
- (4) The commissioner of the Department of Insurance, or the commissioner's designee.
- (5) The chair of the House Health and Welfare Committee, or the chair's designee.
- (6) The chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, or the chair's designee.
- (7) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.
- (8) The president of the Senate, or his designee.
- (9) The LSU System executive vice president for Health Care and Medical Education Redesign, or his designee.
- (10) A representative from the faculty of the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.
- (11) A representative of the La. Hospital Association.
- (12) A representative of the La. Rural Hospital Association.
- (13) A representative of the La. Association of Health Plans.
- (14) A representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness.
- (15) A representative of the American Association of Retired Persons.
- (16) A representative of the Public Affairs Research Council.

Provides that in making appointments to the commission, the appointing authorities shall seek to provide diversity in the commission's membership, including diversity of geography, race, and gender.

Requires that the commission hold its first meeting as soon as practicable but in no event later than 30 days after adjournment sine die of the 2013 Regular Session on the call of the Senate president and that at such organizational meeting the commission shall elect a chair, a vice chair, and such other officers as it finds necessary and adopt rules for its procedure. Provides that the commission shall meet upon the call of the chair as often as deemed necessary to carry out its duties, but not less than once a month; that a majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; that members shall serve without compensation, but may receive such per diem or reimbursement for travel and expenses as may be provided by their board, agency or appointing authority; and that the legislature shall provide primary administrative and staff support to the commission.

Requires that the commission submit a written report containing the commission's findings and proposed recommendations on or before September 1, 2013 to the Senate president and House speaker.

Provides that the commission shall terminate on December 31, 2013.