

* * * Commission on Health Care Financing * * *

Sec. X. JOINT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON HEALTH CARE FINANCING

(a)(1) Composition of commission. There is hereby established a Commission on Health Care Financing composed of 9 members. The members shall be:

- (i) the chairs of the House Committees on Health Care and on Ways and Means;
- (ii) the chairs of the Senate Committees on Finance and on Health and Welfare;
- (iii) two members from the executive branch appointed by the Governor;
- (iv) and three at-large members jointly appointed by the Speaker of the House, Committee on Committees, and the Governor.

(2) The commission shall be appointed within 45 days after the effective date of this act. The Governor shall appoint the chair from among its members within 10 days after appointment of all members.

(b) Duties. The Commission shall have the following duties:

- (i) to engage and educate the public on issues relating to financing for Green Mountain Care established in 33 V.S.A. chapter 18, subchapter 2 through public meetings held in at least 4 disparate geographic locations in Vermont;
- (ii) to gather information from the public relating to the financing for Green Mountain Care;
- (iii) to recommend a prioritized series of options for financing Green Mountain Care to the general assembly no later than January 15, 2015. In recommending options, the Commission shall be consider the following:
 - (A) the principles adopted by the general assembly in No. 48 of the Acts of 2011;
 - (B) the reliability, stability, sufficiency, and sustainability of the financing sources;
 - (C) equity;
 - (D) business competitiveness; and
 - (E) other criteria as established by the Commission.

(c) Staff and Consulting Support. The Secretary of Administration shall designate a staff director to coordinate the efforts of the commission from existing executive branch staff. The staff director shall ensure that the Commission receives technical assistance and administrative support from the Agency of Administration, Department of Vermont Health Access, and Department of Taxes. The Commission may direct the legislative Joint Fiscal Office to contract with such consultants as it deems necessary with the amounts appropriated by the general assembly. The legislative Joint Fiscal Office and Legislative Council shall assist the Commission upon request.

(d) Non-legislative members of the commission shall be entitled to compensation as provide under 32 V.S.A. § 1010. Any legislative members of the commission shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and reimbursement of necessary expenses for attendance at a

meeting when the general assembly is not in session as provided to members of standing committees under 2 V.S.A. § 406.

Sec. X. APPROPRIATION

The Joint Fiscal Office is appropriated \$50,000 in general funds for consulting resources to provide technical assistance as needed to the Commission on Health Care Financing.