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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 223

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 223 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Health Care Justice Implementation Act of 2011.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly  
7 recognizes that the U.S. census reported that on any given day  
8 an estimated 1,800,000 Illinoisans are without health  
9 insurance. With new federal health care reform legislation the  
10 number of uninsured Illinoisans will decrease dramatically.  
11 However, there will still be tens of thousands of uninsured  
12 Illinoisans. The General Assembly believes that the State must  
13 work in cooperation with the federal government to implement  
14 these federal reforms effectively and in a thoughtful and  
15 expedited manner.

1           Section 10. Health Care Justice Implementation Act of 2011  
2 plan. On or before September 1, 2011 the Health Care Justice  
3 Implementation Task Force shall be created to accomplish,  
4 subject to appropriation, the following mission:

5           (1) Monitor the implementation of federal reforms and  
6 make recommendations. The Task Force shall monitor the  
7 implementation of federal reforms and make recommendations  
8 to the executive and legislative branches of Illinois  
9 government concerning implementation. The Task Force shall  
10 file with the General Assembly a recommendation report by  
11 January 1st of every year as it pertains to those reforms  
12 that will need to be implemented in that year. In addition,  
13 a quarterly assessment shall be developed as it pertains to  
14 how State government's process of implementing these  
15 federal reforms is progressing.

16           (2) Additional recommendations regarding reforms. The  
17 Task Force shall issue a report on March 1, 2013 regarding  
18 additional reforms needed to fully comply with Section 10  
19 of this Act.

20           (3) Assessment of current programs. The Task Force  
21 shall issue recommendations and positions on a wide range  
22 of issues, as seen fit by Task Force members, as it  
23 pertains to existing programs and needed changes to these  
24 programs.

25           (4) Recommendations concerning the Illinois State  
26 Health Insurance Plan. By March 1, 2013, the Task Force

1 shall recommend a plan for the implementation of a  
2 statewide health insurance plan offered by the State to be  
3 known as the Illinois State Health insurance Plan, under  
4 which any Illinois resident may purchase medical care and  
5 services available to recipients of medical assistance  
6 under the Public Aid Code. The Illinois State Health  
7 Insurance Plan shall be developed and offered as an  
8 affordable option that may be selected by a person in  
9 relation to the operation of a health insurance exchange in  
10 this State. The Department of Healthcare and Family  
11 Services shall administer the Illinois Health Insurance  
12 Plan, either directly or by contract, separate from the  
13 plans and programs that it otherwise administers. The Task  
14 Force shall include in its recommendations the structure  
15 and function of an oversight panel responsible for  
16 reviewing and approving the criteria, standards, and  
17 procedures for the operation of the plan and for conducting  
18 oversight of the operation of the Illinois Health Insurance  
19 Plan. The Illinois Health Insurance Plan shall:

20 (A) provide comprehensive health benefits that  
21 meet all of the federal requirements for credible  
22 coverage, including coverage for doctor visits,  
23 hospital care, prescriptions, mental health services,  
24 alcohol and substance abuse services, nursing home  
25 care, rehabilitation, home health services, eye care,  
26 and dental care; and

1 (B) be financed through various means, including,  
2 but not limited to, payments of premiums by enrollees,  
3 deductibles and copayments, income contributions by  
4 enrollees, federal funding, grants and contributions,  
5 appropriations of revenues generated under the  
6 Illinois Health Insurance Plan, and any other revenue  
7 designated by the General Assembly or purposed for  
8 health care or health care education.

9 Section 15. Health Care Justice Implementation Task Force.  
10 There is created a Health Care Justice Implementation Task  
11 Force. The Task Force shall consist of 29 voting members  
12 appointed as follows: 13 shall be appointed by the Governor; 4  
13 shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, 4 shall be  
14 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, 4 shall be  
15 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and 4  
16 shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
17 Representatives. The Task Force shall have a chairman and a  
18 vice-chairman who shall be elected by the voting members at the  
19 first meeting of the Task Force. The Director of Public Health  
20 or his or her designee, the Director of Aging or his or her  
21 designee, the Director of Healthcare and Family Services or his  
22 or her designee, the Director of Insurance or his or her  
23 designee, and the Secretary of Human Services or his or her  
24 designee shall represent their respective departments and  
25 shall be invited to attend Task Force meetings, but shall not

1 be members of the Task Force. The members of the Task Force  
2 shall be appointed within 60 days after the effective date of  
3 this Act and hold its first meeting within 30 days thereafter.  
4 The departments of State government represented on the Task  
5 Force shall work cooperatively to provide administrative  
6 support for the Task Force; the Department of Healthcare and  
7 Family Services and the Department of Insurance shall be the  
8 primary agencies in providing that administrative support.

9 Section 20. Public hearings. The Task Force shall seek  
10 public input on all 4 of its mission goals by holding 4 public  
11 hearings each year throughout the State. Each State  
12 Representative and State Senator shall be invited to  
13 participate in each hearing and help to gather input from  
14 interested parties. A web site for the Task Force shall be  
15 developed and linked to the Governor's home page for input to  
16 be provided and to keep the public informed. The Task Force's  
17 web site shall be specifically highlighted and have independent  
18 pages reporting all activities and linkages for people to  
19 access. Minutes from all of the Task Force's meetings shall be  
20 available on the web site, and a hard copy of this information  
21 shall also be made available for those persons without access  
22 to the Task Force's web site. The Task Force may also consult  
23 with health care providers, health care consumers, hospitals,  
24 labor unions, businesses, insurers, pharmaceutical  
25 manufacturers, and other appropriate individuals and

1 organizations to assist in the development of the health care  
2 access plan.

3 (20 ILCS 4045/Act rep.)

4 Section 25. The Health Care Justice Act is repealed.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
6 2011.".