

HB 1069 -- MISSOURI QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL

SPONSOR: Burlison

Currently, the Missouri Quality Home Care Council within the Department of Health and Senior Services consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor to three-year terms of office. This bill increases the number of members to 12 and changes the criteria for the appointment of members. Three members must have received or be receiving personal care assistance from the Customer Directed Services Program as specified in the bill; two members must be representatives of Missouri centers for independent living or successor organizations; two must be members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker; two must be members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate; and three members must represent for-profit and not-for-profit vendors providing services for customer directed services as specified in the bill. All members except the General Assembly members must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor must make the appointments by March 1, 2016. The bill clarifies that the council's recommendations on wages for personal care attendants must not be implemented until the fiscal year in which specific appropriations are made by the General Assembly for that purpose.

The bill repeals the provision allowing the council to issue rules under the Missouri Administrative Procedures Act as necessary for the purposes and policies of the Quality Home Care Act.

The bill contains an emergency clause.