AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to innovations in health insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 376.1180 and 376.1182, to read as follows:

376.1180. 1. There is hereby created the "Missouri Health Insurance Innovation Task Force" for the purpose of soliciting concepts on potential forms of innovation in the health insurance marketplace which may qualify the state for a section 1332 innovation waiver under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, as amended, and issuing a report of the task force's recommended course or courses of action for the state to obtain an innovation waiver. The task force shall focus on improving access to health care, decreasing premiums, and increasing the number of health carriers available in the state's health insurance market.

2. The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) The director of the department of insurance, financial institutions, and professional registration, or his or her designee;

(2) Three representatives of insurance producers in the state, with one to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and two to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(3) Three representatives of health insurers in the state, with two to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
(4) Three members of the senate, with two to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(5) Three members of the house of representatives, with two to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

(6) Two representatives of the interests of hospitals and doctors in the state, to be appointed by the governor; and

(7) Four representatives of the interests of consumers, with one to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, one to be appointed by the minority leader of senate, one to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and one to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

3. The staffs of the department, senate research, and house research shall provide technical assistance to the task force as necessary for the completion of its duties.

4. The members shall be appointed no later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. The task force shall hold its first meeting no later than fifteen days after such members are appointed.

5. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but the members and staff assigned to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any subcommittee thereof.

6. The director, or his or her designee, shall serve as chair. Duties of the chair shall include calling meetings, leading discussions, posting public notice of meetings, soliciting comments from the public and from technical experts and other interested parties, and preparing a final report in accordance with the provisions of this section. The director is hereby authorized to expend the funds necessary to conduct the business of the task force, including but not limited to commissioning an actuarial review of waiver concepts under consideration by the task force.

7. Unless the task force extends this deadline by a majority vote, the chair shall complete a final report of the task force's activities and recommendations no later than December 31, 2019. Recommendations of the task force shall be revenue neutral with regard to the general
revenues of the state and shall be approved by a majority vote of the
task force members. Copies of the report shall be delivered to the
governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
president pro tempore of the senate.

376.1182. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
counter, the department is authorized to work with the Missouri
health insurance innovation task force established in section 376.1180,
and with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to develop
innovative ways to transform the health insurance markets in this state
and to submit applications for a section 1332 innovation waiver under
the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law
111-148, as amended.

2. This section shall not be interpreted to permit the department,
or any other state agency, to implement, establish, create, or operate
a state-based exchange or to assist or facilitate in the operation of a
federally facilitated marketplace as prohibited under section
376.1186. However, to the extent the department may assume certain
administrative functions or activities which are ancillary to and
currently performed by the federally facilitated marketplace, such
functions are hereby authorized to be performed by the department if
the functions or activities will further the objective of creating
alternatives to the Affordable Care Act, accomplish the other objectives
specified in this section, or are consistent with the objectives and final
recommendations of the Missouri health insurance innovation task
force established in section 376.1180. Such ancillary administrative
functions include but are not limited to determining actuarial values
of health benefit plans, certification of qualified health plans, or
administering premium tax subsidies.

3. Provided the general assembly accepts the task force's
recommendations by filing with the secretary of state no later than
March 15, 2020, a petition to accept the recommendations signed by
two-thirds of the members of the senate and two-thirds of the members
of the house of representatives, the director shall, subject to approval
by the governor, no later than December 31, 2020, or as soon as
practicable following the enactment of any legislation necessary to
qualify the state for a section 1332 innovation waiver, submit an
application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services seeking
approval of a section 1332 innovation waiver based on the recommendations of the task force established in section 376.1180.