



# IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

February 15th, 2021

Mr. LEGO (for himself, Mr. JACOB, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. JAMES) introduced the following bill;

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## A BILL

To create a task force under the Department of Health and Human Services to research the cost of universal healthcare.

*Be it enacted by the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION I. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the “Universal Healthcare Research Task Force Act of 2021”

### SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Act, the term -

- (a) “Universal healthcare” - refers to a tax-funded project to provide an alternative form of health insurance to the general public,
- (b) “Department” - refers to the Department of Health and Human Services,
- (c) “Secretary” - refers to the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
- (d) “Task force” - refers to a group of people appointed by the Secretary in order to research the potential cost of a public health insurance option,
- (e) “Month” - refers to a period of 31 days.

### SECTION III. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that -

- (a) The current system of privatised health insurance can cause families to become bankrupt over a medical injury or problem.

- (b) The price of universal healthcare is a topic of debate, and it cannot be confirmed how much universal healthcare could cost.

#### **SECTION IV. EXPLORATORY TASK FORCE**

- (a) The Secretary shall create a task force under the Department for the purpose of researching the potential cost of establishing universal healthcare. This research shall include gathering information of the following;
  - (1) The price of a system where all medical procedures are paid for by the Department,
  - (2) The price of a system where only essential medical procedures are paid for by the Department,
  - (3) The price of a system where citizens cover part of the cost of essential medical procedures, and
  - (4) Any other information the Secretary deems necessary to obtain in order to carry out the research defined by this Section.
- (b) The task force shall consist of 12 members chosen by the Secretary.
- (c) The task force is to submit a report at least once every month to the House of Representatives and to the Senate, detailing their current progress in fulfilling their duties.
- (d) The report defined in Subsection (c) of this Section shall be made available to the public no less than 24 hours after being submitted to the House of Representatives and to the Senate.
- (e) The task force may be disbanded after no less than one month by the Secretary, should the Secretary determine that the task force has concluded it's duties.
- (f) The task force shall be disbanded three months after this Act is passed.

#### **SECTION V. ENACTMENT**

**EFFECTIVE DATE** - The provisions of this Act shall come into force immediately upon passage. The provisions of this Act shall expire three months after passage.