

modified "members", is deleted as unnecessary in light of the reference to "expert" review panels and § 15-1307(a)(2) of this subtitle, which requires that panel members be "experts".

Also in subsection (a)(2)(i) of this section, the former reference to "various" panels is deleted as surplusage.

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to the "agencies represented" on the Committee is substituted for the former reference to the "respective agencies" for clarity.

Defined term: "Committee" § 15-1301

15-1306. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEE.

(A) EVALUATION OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND STATUTES.

(1) AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR OR THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE SHALL EVALUATE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND STATUTES THAT ESTABLISH, EXPAND, OR REPEAL MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS OR, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, NONDISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS, AND BENEFICIARY OR LENGTH OF COVERAGE PROVISIONS.

(2) ON OR BEFORE MAY 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR OR THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE SHALL NOTIFY THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE EVALUATIONS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(B) APPOINTMENT OF EXPERT REVIEW PANELS.

THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

(1) APPOINT OBJECTIVE EXPERT REVIEW PANELS TO EVALUATE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS OR STATUTES REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW; AND

(2) DESIGNATE A CHAIRMAN FOR EACH PANEL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 48A, § 490M(c)(1) and (2) and (d).

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the word "Interdepartmental" is added to modify "Committee" for clarity and to distinguish the Interdepartmental Committee from the Legislative Policy Committee.

Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the phrase "[o]n or before May 31" is substituted for the former phrase "[b]y May 31" for clarity and consistency with similar provisions in this and other revised articles of the Code.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the word "chairman" is substituted for the former word "chair" to conform to current statutory style.