

# SB1906



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 2/6/2025, by Sen. Mike Simmons

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Prescription Drug Purchasing Task Force Act. Creates a Prescription Drug Purchasing Task Force in the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to study the different ways that other states are using multi-state prescription drug purchasing pools to increase the State's negotiating power and lower prices for patients. Provides for duties of the Task Force. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall provide administrative and other support to the Task Force. Provides that, on or before July 31, 2026, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and to the Governor. Provides that the Prescription Drug Purchasing Task Force is abolished and the Act is repealed on January 1, 2027.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Prescription Drug Purchasing Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. The Prescription Drug Purchasing Task Force.  
7 There is hereby created a Prescription Drug Purchasing Task  
8 Force in the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to  
9 study the different ways that other states are using  
10 multistate prescription drug purchasing pools to increase the  
11 State's negotiating power and lower prices for patients. The  
12 Task Force shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) four members shall be appointed by the Governor as  
14 follows:

15 (A) one physician licensed to practice medicine in  
16 all its branches;

17 (B) one pharmacist;

18 (C) one clinical representative from a statewide  
19 organization representing hospitals; and

20 (D) one member from the general public;

21 (2) one member shall be appointed by the Senate  
22 President;

23 (3) one member shall be appointed by the Speaker of

1 the Illinois House of Representatives;

2 (4) one member shall be appointed by the Minority  
3 Leader of the Illinois Senate;

4 (5) one member shall be appointed by the Minority  
5 Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives;

6 (6) one member shall be the Director of Public Health,  
7 or his or her designee;

8 (7) one member shall be the Director of Central  
9 Management Services, or his or her designee;

10 (8) one member shall be the Director of Healthcare and  
11 Family Services, or his or her designee; and

12 (9) one member shall be the Director of Insurance, or  
13 his or her designee.

14 Members shall serve 2-year terms. Members shall be  
15 appointed within 30 days after the effective date of this Act.

16 The Task Force may appoint a chairperson by majority vote  
17 and other officers as it deems appropriate.

18 The members of the Task Force shall receive no  
19 compensation for their services as members of the Task Force.

20 No member of the Task Force shall have any financial  
21 association or fiduciary interest in any pharmaceutical  
22 company.

23 Section 10. Duties. The Task Force shall:

24 (1) identify a plan to enable the State to bulk  
25 purchase prescription drugs, including, but not limited

1 to, identifying what other states are doing to purchase  
2 prescription drugs in bulk;

3 (2) recommend ways the State can negotiate with  
4 wholesalers and manufacturers in order to cut drug prices,  
5 including, but not limited to, Medicaid prices;

6 (3) identify and make recommendations for the State to  
7 join an existing interstate bulk purchasing pool in order  
8 to cut prices for prescription drugs; and

9 (4) identify high cost prescription drugs that are  
10 also in high demand in the State, and identify price  
11 ranges for those drugs in Illinois compared to other  
12 states.

13 Section 15. Administrative support. The Department of  
14 Healthcare and Family Services shall provide administrative  
15 and other support to the Task Force.

16 Section 20. Report. On or before July 31, 2026, the Task  
17 Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
18 General Assembly, by filing copies of its report as provided  
19 in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and  
20 to the Governor.

21 Section 25. Task Force abolished. The Prescription Drug  
22 Purchasing Task Force is abolished and this Act is repealed on  
23 January 1, 2027.