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**HOUSE BILL 15-1233**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE RESPITE CARE TASK FORCE, AND,**  
102 **IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill creates the respite care task force to study the dynamics of supply and demand with regard to respite care services in Colorado. The majority and minority leadership of the Senate and House of Representatives shall appoint 9 members to the task force, who shall serve without compensation. The department of human services is directed to provide staff support to the task force. The task force is

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

required to submit a report to the general assembly by December 1, 2015.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 determines and declares that:

4 (a) The current extent of demand for respite care in Colorado is  
5 unknown, although it is apparent that there is a lack of adequate respite  
6 care facilities and respite training programs in Colorado;

7 (b) Caregivers work twenty-four hours per day, seven days per  
8 week to ensure their loved ones have the support and tools they need to  
9 live their best lives;

10 (c) It is critical that caregivers in our communities have access to  
11 respite care so that they have time to rejuvenate and spend time with their  
12 families and friends;

13 (d) It is important that caregivers are able to trust and depend on  
14 the individuals providing respite care to their loved ones; and

15 (e) Reliable access to affordable respite care will be beneficial to  
16 caregivers and to their families and loved ones.

17 (2) Therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly to create a  
18 respite care task force and to:

19 (a) Authorize a study to determine the current state of respite care  
20 in Colorado, including access to care and funding of respite care services;

21 (b) Determine the availability and level of culturally competent  
22 and patient-centered respite care; and

23 (c) Increase the availability of affordable respite care throughout  
24 Colorado.

25 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 6 to article

1 of title 26 as follows:

PART 6

RESPITE CARE TASK FORCE

26-1-601. Task force - creation. (1) THERE IS CREATED, WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE RESPITE CARE TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE DYNAMICS OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND WITH REGARD TO RESPITE CARE SERVICES IN COLORADO. THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2015:

(a) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL APPOINT:

(I) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND

(II) ONE PERSON WHO REPRESENTS A LICENSED HOSPICE ORGANIZATION;

(b) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL APPOINT:

(I) ONE PERSON FROM AN ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; AND

(II) ONE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A RESPITE CARE FACILITY;

(c) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT:

(I) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE; AND

(II) ONE MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH TO SENIORS;

(d) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT:

(I) ONE MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT ADVANCES RESEARCH TO END ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE; AND

1 (II) ONE PERSON WHO REPRESENTS PERSONS WITH BRAIN INJURIES;

2 (e) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT:

3 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
4 SERVICES;

5 (II) ONE PERSON FROM A RURAL AREA WHO UTILIZES RESPITE  
6 CARE;

7 (III) ONE MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES  
8 SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH IN THE AREA OF MENTAL HEALTH;

9 (IV) ONE PERSON WHO PROVIDES SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND  
10 OUTREACH FOR PERSONS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS, LONG-TERM  
11 CONDITIONS, AND DISABLING CONDITIONS ACROSS A LIFE SPAN;

12 (V) ONE PERSON WHO REPRESENTS A LICENSED HOME HEALTH  
13 CARE AGENCY;

14 (VI) ONE PERSON WHO REPRESENTS A NONPROFIT ENTITY THAT  
15 PROVIDES SERVICES, EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND ADVOCACY TO PERSONS  
16 WITH DISABILITIES;

17 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE  
18 POLICY AND FINANCING; AND

19 (VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
20 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, WHO SHALL BE THE SOLE NONVOTING  
21 MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE.

22 (f) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT  
23 THE APPOINTEES, AS A WHOLE, WILL REPRESENT THE INTERESTS AND  
24 CONCERNS OF ALL PERSONS WHO CAN BE PREDICTED TO NEED RESPITE  
25 CARE, INCLUDING THE YOUNG AND PERSONS FROM DIVERSE SOCIAL AND  
26 CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS.

27 (3) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RETAIN A FACILITATOR FOR THE

1 TASK FORCE WHO SHALL CONVENE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE  
2 NO LATER THAN JULY 15, 2015, AT WHICH MEETING THE TASK FORCE  
3 MEMBERS SHALL SELECT FROM AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP A PERSON TO  
4 SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE. THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET UPON  
5 THE CALL OF THE CHAIR AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE  
6 STUDY SPECIFIED IN THIS PART 6. THE TASK FORCE MAY MEET WITHIN THE  
7 COMMITTEE HEARING ROOMS OF THE STATE CAPITOL, SUBJECT TO  
8 AVAILABILITY.

9 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 2-2-236, C.R.S., THE TASK FORCE  
10 MEMBERS SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT  
11 REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

12 (c) IF A VACANCY OCCURS ON THE TASK FORCE FOR ANY REASON,  
13 THE ORIGINAL APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT A PERSON WHO  
14 MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE VACANT POSITION TO FILL THE  
15 VACANCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS.

16 **26-1-602. Respite care study - report.** (1) THE RESPITE CARE  
17 TASK FORCE CREATED IN SECTION 26-1-601 SHALL STUDY, THROUGH DATA  
18 COLLECTION, THE DYNAMICS OF THE SUPPLY OF, AND DEMAND FOR,  
19 RESPITE CARE SERVICES IN THIS STATE. THE STUDY MAY INCLUDE THE  
20 FOLLOWING ISSUES:

21 (a) ACCESS TO RESPITE CARE SERVICES;

22 (b) THE TYPES OF SERVICES THAT ARE MOST IN DEMAND AND THE  
23 SERVICES THAT ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE;

24 (c) THE AVAILABILITY AND LEVEL OF CULTURALLY COMPETENT  
25 CARE AND PATIENT-CENTERED CARE;

26 (d) THE NUMBER OF RESPITE CAREGIVERS IN THE STATE AND THEIR  
27 LOCATIONS;

1 (e) SOLUTIONS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF RESPITE CAREGIVERS;

2 (f) THE FUNDING OF RESPITE CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING ACCESS  
3 TO THAT FUNDING; AND

4 (g) OTHER RESPITE CARE ISSUES AS DETERMINED APPROPRIATE BY  
5 THE TASK FORCE.

6 (2) THE RESPITE CARE TASK FORCE MAY DISCUSS POLICIES THAT  
7 INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

8 (a) REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING, AND THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO CREATE A  
11 STRUCTURE TO GIVE ONE DEPARTMENT THE RESPONSIBILITY TO LICENSE  
12 RESPITE CAREGIVERS AND ADDRESS THE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES;

13 (b) THE CREATION OF PILOT PROGRAMS BY COMMUNITY COLLEGES,  
14 TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OFFERING  
15 FOUR-YEAR DEGREES TO TRAIN RESPITE CAREGIVERS; AND

16 (c) THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA COLLECTION, RECOMMENDATIONS  
17 FOR RESPITE CARE UTILIZATION, ACCESS, AND AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES.

18 (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IS AUTHORIZED TO  
19 CONTRACT FOR AN EXTERNAL STUDY CONCERNING RESPITE CARE. THE  
20 DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP CRITERIA AND COMPONENTS FOR THE  
21 STUDY. THE FINAL STUDY RESULTS MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE RESPITE  
22 CARE TASK FORCE.

23 (4) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2016, THE RESPITE CARE TASK  
24 FORCE, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,  
25 SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT THAT INCLUDES ITS FINDINGS AND  
26 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES  
27 COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE HEALTH AND

1 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR  
2 COMMITTEES.

3 **26-1-603. Notice of funding through gifts, grants, and**  
4 **donations - respite care task force fund - repeal.** (1) (a) THE RESPITE  
5 CARE TASK FORCE IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK AND ACCEPT GIFTS, GRANTS, OR  
6 DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
7 PART 6; EXCEPT THAT THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT ACCEPT A GIFT, GRANT,  
8 OR DONATION THAT IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT  
9 WITH THIS PART 6 OR ANY OTHER LAW OF THE STATE. THE RESPITE CARE  
10 TASK FORCE SHALL TRANSMIT ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC MONEYS  
11 RECEIVED THROUGH GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS TO THE STATE  
12 TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THEM TO THE RESPITE CARE TASK FORCE  
13 FUND, WHICH FUND IS HEREBY CREATED AND REFERRED TO IN THIS PART  
14 6 AS THE "FUND". THE MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL  
15 APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
17 IMPLEMENTING THIS PART 6.

18 (b) (I) IN SEEKING OR ACCEPTING A GIFT, GRANT, OR DONATION,  
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL NOTIFY THE LEGISLATIVE  
20 COUNCIL STAFF WHEN IT HAS RECEIVED ADEQUATE FUNDING THROUGH  
21 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FOR THE RESPITE CARE TASK FORCE AND  
22 SHALL INCLUDE IN THE NOTIFICATION THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN  
23 SECTION 24-75-1303 (3), C.R.S.

24 (II) THIS PARAGRAPH (b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

25 **26-1-604. Repeal.** THIS PART 6 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
26 2016.

27 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** For the 2015-16 state fiscal year,

1 \$16,000 is appropriated to the department of human services. This  
2 appropriation is from the respite care task force fund created in section  
3 26-1-603 (1) (a), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use  
4 this appropriation for supporting the respite care task force.

5 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.