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LCO No. 929



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING VARIOUS ISSUES AT HOMELESS SHELTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study issues encountered by homeless shelter providers, including,
3 but not limited to, (1) accommodating homeless persons who possess
4 service animals or companion animals, (2) ensuring the safety of
5 transgender homeless persons, and (3) assisting homeless persons who
6 are denied shelter due to a background check evidencing the
7 commission of a nonviolent crime, including, but not limited to,
8 outstanding warrants issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The
9 task force shall examine such issues and make recommendations for any
10 legislation necessary to address such issues.

11 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
13 one of whom has expertise in issues concerning transgender persons;

14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who

15 represent homeless shelter providers;

16 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives, who advocates for homeless persons;

18 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who
19 represents an organized police department;

20 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, who represents municipalities;

22 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who has
23 expertise in legal issues concerning service and companion animals;

24 (7) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;

25 (8) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
26 or the commissioner's designee;

27 (9) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's
28 designee; and

29 (10) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
30 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing.

31 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
32 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (10) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
33 member of the General Assembly.

34 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
35 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
36 be filled by the appointing authority.

37 (e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
38 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing shall serve
39 as chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the
40 first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
41 days after the effective date of this section.

42 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
43 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing
44 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

45 (g) Not later than January 1, 2021, the task force shall submit a report
46 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
47 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing,
48 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
49 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
50 January 1, 2021, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to make recommendations on how to address various issues at homeless shelters.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]