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Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING THE USE OF THE STATE-ADMINISTERED GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS.

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 the effectiveness of the state-administered general assistance
3 program and other state assistance to address homelessness in the state.
4 The task force shall examine such programs and make
5 recommendations for any legislation necessary to address such issues.

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

7 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
8 one of whom has expertise in issues concerning housing assistance;

9 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
10 represent homeless shelter providers;

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

13 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is an
14 attorney with expertise in housing law;

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

17 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who has
18 expertise in the oversight of state assistance funding;

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

20 (8) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
21 designee;

22 (9) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
23 the commissioner's designee; and

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

26 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
27 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (10) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
28 member of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

40 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report,

41 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
42 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
43 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing.
44 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
45 January 1, 2023, 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 examine the use of the state-administered general assistance program and other state assistance to address homelessness.

[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.]