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Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:
(APP)

AN ACT CONCERNING RATE INCREASES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS.

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 community service provider rates. Such study shall include,
3 but need not be limited to, (1) the disbursement of state funds to
4 providers for rate increases, including Medicaid reimbursement rates;
5 (2) the need for rate increases for capital improvements and operational
6 costs; and (3) provider staff wages, including the need for wage
7 increases and pay compensation issues.

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

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
10 one of whom represents a nonprofit community service provider and
11 one of whom represents a for-profit community service provider;

12 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
13 are members of a labor organization that represents employees of
14 community services providers;

15 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, who shall be a licensed health care provider;

17 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
18 a licensed social worker;

19 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives, who shall be a licensed alcohol and drug counselor;

21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
22 a licensed provider of mental health services;

23 (7) The Commissioners of Social Services, Aging and Disability
24 Services, Public Health, Children and Families and Mental Health and
25 Addiction Services, or the commissioners' designees; and

26 (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
27 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
28 relating to human services, aging, public health, children and
29 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

30 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (3),
31 (4), (5), (6) or (8) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
32 General Assembly.

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

36 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
37 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
38 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
39 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
40 days after the effective date of this section.

41 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
42 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
43 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies shall serve as

44 administrative staff of the task force.

45 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report,
46 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
47 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
48 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
49 human services, public health, aging and appropriations and the
50 budgets of state agencies. The task force shall terminate on the date that
51 it submits such report or 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 study rates for community service providers.

[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.]