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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE ELDERLY NUTRITION
PROGRAM.***

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 and make recommendations concerning the elderly nutrition
3 program administered by the Department of Aging and Disability
4 Services. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, a review
5 of the (1) eligibility requirements for the program, (2) types of meals
6 provided, (3) costs of the meal preparation and delivery, (4) the number
7 of participants in the program compared to the estimated number of
8 persons in need of nutritional services, (5) adequacy of funding levels,
9 and (6) the process for contracting with providers of elderly nutrition
10 services.

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 who shall be a representative of the eastern area agency on aging
14 and one who shall be a representative of the north central area agency

15 on aging;

16 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
17 who shall be a representative of the south central area agency on aging
18 and one who shall be a representative of the southwestern area agency
19 on aging;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the western area
22 agency on aging;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
24 a representative of an elderly nutrition provider who represents a
25 community action agency;

26 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, who shall be a representative of an elderly nutrition
28 provider;

29 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
30 a senior citizen who receives meals through the elderly nutrition
31 program; and

32 (7) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the
33 commissioner's designee.

34 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
35 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
36 of the General Assembly.

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

40 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
41 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
42 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
43 the first meeting of the task force not later than September 1, 2023.

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

47 (g) Not later than January 15, 2024, the task force shall submit a report
48 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
49 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging
50 and human services, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
51 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
52 submits such report or January 15, 2024, 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 and make recommendations concerning the elderly nutrition program administered by the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

[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.]