



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 1053**

**Special Act No. 23-17**

**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:

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

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

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be representatives of area agencies on aging;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one who shall be a representative of an area agency on aging and one who shall be an elderly nutrition provider who represents a community

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action agency;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be an elderly nutrition provider who represents a community action agency;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be an elderly nutrition provider who represents a state association of nutrition and aging service providers;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be an elderly nutrition provider who represents a state association of nutrition and aging service providers;

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

(7) The House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, or the House chairperson's designee;

(8) The Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, or the Senate chairperson's designee;

(9) The House ranking member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, or the House ranking member's designee;

(10) The Senate ranking member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, or the Senate ranking member's designee;

(11) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the commissioner's designee; and

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(12) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee.

(c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to (10), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

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

(e) The House chairperson and the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, or their designees, shall be chairpersons of the task force. The chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force not later than August 1, 2023.

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

(g) Not later than January 15, 2024, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging and human services, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 15, 2024, whichever is later.