

Senate State and Local Government Committee 1

Amendment No. 1 to SB0296

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 296*

House Bill No. 1010

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1.

(a) There is created an advisory task force to study the office of research and education accountability's May 2008 report entitled "Animal Shelters in Tennessee".

(b) The task force shall consist of eleven (11) members as follows:

(1) One (1) member of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(2) One (1) member of the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(3) One (1) person representing the department of agriculture, to be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture;

(4) One (1) person representing the department of health, to be appointed by the commissioner of health;

(5) One (1) person representing the Tennessee public health association, to be appointed by its executive director;

(6) Two (2) licensed and practicing veterinarians in this state, to be appointed by the president of the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association;

(7) One (1) person representing the Companion Animal Initiative in Tennessee (CAIT) operating as part of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, to be appointed by the CAIT director; and

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(8) Three (3) persons appointed by the director of the Animal Care and Control Association of Tennessee, one (1) representing a rural area in this state, one (1) representing a metropolitan area in this state, and one (1) representing the public at large.

(c) The task force shall:

(1) Study "Conclusion 3" of the office of research and education accountability's May 2008 report entitled "Animal Shelters in Tennessee"; and

(2) Develop legislative recommendations for consideration by the general assembly to address the issues raised in "Conclusion 3" of the report.

(d)

(1) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for any expenses incurred while participating in the business of the task force.

(2) All legislative members of the task force shall remain members of the task force so long as they remain members of the general assembly.

(3) Vacancies among the nine (9) non-legislative members of the task force must be filled in the same manner as in the original selection of members. Vacancies among the two (2) legislative members of the task force must be filled in the same manner as in the original selection of members. However, if a vacancy among the two (2) legislative members of the task force occurs while the

general assembly is not in session, the speakers of the respective bodies shall fill the vacancies.

(e) The selection of members of the task force should be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of this state.

(f) The member of the general assembly with the most seniority in the general assembly shall call the first meeting of the task force, at which time the members shall elect a chair and vice chair.

(g) Task force members representing the senate, the house of representatives, the department of agriculture, the department of health, and the Tennessee public health association may designate another representative from their respective body, department, or association to serve as an alternate to vote or otherwise act at meetings of the task force in the absence of the member. A member participating in a meeting of the task force through a designee is deemed to be present at those meetings for purposes of voting.

(h) The task force must agree upon its findings and recommendations by a majority vote of its total membership.

(i) The chair of the task force may call on appropriate state agencies for reasonable assistance in the work of the task force.

(j) The task force shall hold public meetings and utilize technological means, such as webcasts, to gather feedback on its recommendations from the general public.

(k)

(1) The task force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2018.

(2) This section shall be repealed on June 30, 2018.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.