



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6558

January Session, 2001

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE
REVITALIZATION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF STATE-ASSISTED
PUBLIC HOUSING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (a) There is established a task force to study the current
2 conditions of housing owned by local housing authorities or
3 developed by nonprofit corporations with financial assistance in the
4 form of grants or loans from the state, and to recommend appropriate
5 responses to such conditions. The task force shall evaluate methods
6 and costs associated with revitalizing state-assisted housing, including,
7 but not limited to, rehabilitation, demolition, reconfiguring, or the
8 provision of vouchers for use in the private market. The task force
9 shall also make recommendations concerning changes necessary to
10 accomplish such revitalization, including adjustments to income mix
11 requirements, requirements for replacement of demolished units, the
12 roles to be played by the state, local housing authorities and nonprofit
13 corporations, and additional powers for the Department of Economic
14 and Community Development to deal with nonperforming state-
15 assisted housing projects.

16 (b) (1) The task force shall consist of the following members:

17 (A) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
18 who shall be representatives of nonprofit housing developers;

19 (B) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
20 shall be representatives from two public housing authorities;

21 (C) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a state housing
23 coalition;

24 (D) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
25 a representative of low income and affordable housing advocates;

26 (E) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a fair housing
28 organization;

29 (F) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
30 a representative of a tenants' organization;

31 (G) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
32 or a designee; and

33 (H) The Executive Director of the Connecticut Housing Finance
34 Authority or a designee.

35 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the select committee
36 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
37 housing shall serve as ex officio members with full voting rights.

38 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
39 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
40 filled by the appointing authority.

41 (d) The chairpersons of the select committee of the General
42 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing shall serve
43 as the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
44 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later than
45 sixty days after the effective date of this section.

46 (e) The administrative staff of the select committee of the General

47 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing shall serve
48 as administrative staff of the task force.

49 (f) Not later than February 1, 2002, the task force shall submit a
50 report on its findings and recommendations to the select committee of
51 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
52 housing, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
53 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
54 submits such report or February 1, 2002, whichever is earlier.

55 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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