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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:  
(ED )

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON LITERACY.***

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 literacy. The task force shall develop and make  
3 recommendations to (1) coordinate planning and policy to improve  
4 literacy levels for adults and children, (2) enhance coordination of  
5 literacy and support services among departments, and (3) identify  
6 projects best suited for collaborative efforts.

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

8 (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
9 secretary's designee;

10 (2) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
11 designee;

12 (3) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

13 (4) The Commissioner of Higher Education, or the commissioner's

14 designee;

15 (5) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

16 (6) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's  
17 designee;

18 (7) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives  
19 who shall be a representative of the Bureau of Rehabilitative Services;

20 (8) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate who  
21 shall be a representative of Literacy Volunteers, Incorporated;

22 (9) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
23 Representatives who shall be a representative of the Connecticut  
24 Reading Association; and

25 (10) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
26 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
27 relating to education, human services and labor, or their designees.

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

31 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
32 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task  
33 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
34 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no  
35 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

36 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committees of the  
37 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,  
38 human services and labor shall serve as administrative staff of the task  
39 force.

40 (f) Not later than January 1, 2004, the task force shall submit a report  
41 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees

42 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
43 education, human services and labor, in accordance with the  
44 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
45 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2004,  
46 whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create a task force to study and develop recommendations to improve literacy 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.]*