



House of Representatives

File No. 676

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(Reprint of File No. 375)

Substitute House Bill No. 5536
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedules
"A" and "C"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 26, 2004

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY STEM CELL RESEARCH AND HUMAN CLONING.

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 the legal and ethical aspects of stem cell research and human
3 cloning, and may include recommendations for future legislative
4 action.

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

6 (1) A medical ethicist, appointed by the speaker of the House of
7 Representatives;

8 (2) A representative from the health care field, appointed by the
9 president pro tempore of the Senate;

10 (3) A representative from a research institution, appointed by the
11 majority leader of the House of Representatives;

- 12 (4) An attorney, appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 13 (5) One public member, appointed by the minority leader of the
14 House of Representatives;
- 15 (6) One public member, appointed by the minority leader of the
16 Senate;
- 17 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
18 designee; and
- 19 (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
21 relating to public health, or their designees.
- 22 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
23 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
24 filled by the appointing authority.
- 25 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
26 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
27 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
28 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no
29 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 30 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
31 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
32 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 33 (f) Not later than January 1, 2005, the task force shall submit a report
34 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee
35 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
36 public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
37 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
38 submits such report or January 1, 2005, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Minimal
Public Health, Dept.	GF - None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill as amended establishes a task force to study the legal and ethical aspects of stem cell research and human cloning. The bill as amended appoints the Commissioner of Public Health, or his designee, to the task force, which results in no fiscal impact. Additionally, the bill as amended appoints the chairpersons and ranking members of the Public Health Committee to the task force, which may result in minimal cost to Legislative Management for legislator mileage reimbursement. The bill as amended makes the administrative staff of the Public Health Committee serve as staff for the task force which results in no fiscal impact.

House "A" makes changes to the original file copy, which is replaced with the passage of House "C".

House "C" replaces the original file copy as amended by House "A" that is discussed above.

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5536 (as amended by House "A" and "C")*

AN ACT PERMITTING STEM CELL RESEARCH AND BANNING HUMAN CLONING.**SUMMARY:**

This bill creates an eleven-member task force to study the legal and ethical aspects of stem cell research and human cloning. It may include recommendations for future legislative action. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Public Health Committee by January 1, 2005. It terminates on the earlier of the date the report is submitted or January 1, 2005. The administrative staff of the Public Health Committee must serve in that capacity for the task force.

*House Amendment "A" made changes to the original bill (File 375), which permitted stem cell research in the state under certain conditions by requiring the Department of Public Health (DPH) to maintain a registry of institutional review boards to review and approve stem cell research in the state, specifying that people donating unused embryos for research purposes could not receive any valuable consideration and had to provide a notarized statement consenting to the donation; increased penalties for violations of the bill; and made minor changes.

*House Amendment "C" replaced the original file as amended by House "A" with the task force language.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

The task force consists of:

1. a medical ethicist, appointed by the House Speaker;
2. a representative from the health care field, appointed by the Senate

- president pro tempore;
- 3. a representative from a research institution, appointed by the House majority leader;
- 4. an attorney, appointed by the Senate majority leader;
- 5. two public members, one each appointed by the House and Senate minority leaders;
- 6. the DPH commissioner or his designee; and
- 7. the chairpersons and ranking members of the Public Health Committee, or their designees.

All appointments must be made within 30 days of the bill’s passage. The House speaker and the Senate president pro tempore must select the chairpersons from among the task force members. The chairmen must schedule the first meeting within 60 days of the bill’s effective date.

The appointing authorities must fill any vacancies.

BACKGROUND

Legislative History

The House referred the bill (File 375) to the Judiciary Committee on April 6, which reported the bill favorably on April 13.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 11 Nay 8

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 28 Nay 12