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Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CLARIFYING THE DEFINITIONS OF ENTITIES EXEMPT FROM THE PROPERTY TAX.

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 exemptions granted to different classes of property
3 owners. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an
4 examination of changes in such exemptions, both through legislation
5 and case law, and how such changes have impacted tax-exempt
6 institutions and municipalities.

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

8 (1) Two representatives of municipal government, appointed by the
9 speaker of the House of Representatives;

10 (2) Two representatives of tax-exempt institutions, appointed by the
11 president pro tempore of the Senate;

12 (3) One representative from academia, appointed by the majority
13 leader of the House of Representatives;

14 (4) One representative from academia, appointed by the majority
15 leader of the Senate;

16 (5) One representative of a state-wide organization of towns and
17 cities, appointed by the minority leader of the House of
18 Representatives;

19 (6) One representative of a state-wide organization of assessors,
20 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

21 (7) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
22 secretary's designee; and

23 (8) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
24 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue
25 and bonding, or such chairpersons' designees.

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

29 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
30 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
31 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
32 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held
33 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

34 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
35 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,
36 revenue and bonding shall serve as administrative staff of the task
37 force.

38 (f) Not later than January 1, 2008, the task force shall submit a report
39 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee
40 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
41 finance, revenue and bonding, in accordance with the provisions of
42 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on

43 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2008, whichever is
44 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To conduct an in-depth study of how legislative changes and case law has changed the way exemptions from the property tax are granted, and how these changes have impacted both the exempt institutions and municipalities.

[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.]