



General Assembly

January Session, 2007

**Committee Bill No. 858**

LCO No. 5001

\*05001SB00858KID\*

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CAUSES OF FATHERLESSNESS ON SOCIETY.**

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 causes of fatherlessness in this state. Such study shall  
3 examine the impact of public policies in promoting fatherhood versus  
4 fatherlessness and shall consider how subsidized programs operate to  
5 encourage or discourage childbearing outside of marriage.

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

7 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

8 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

9 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
10 Representatives;

11 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

12 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of

13 Representatives;

14 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

15 (7) The Commissioners of Social Services and Children and  
16 Families, or the commissioners' designees; and

17 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor.

18 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
19 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
20 of the General Assembly.

21 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
22 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
23 filled by the appointing authority.

24 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
25 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task  
26 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons  
27 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held  
28 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

29 (f) The administrative staff of the select committee of the General  
30 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children shall serve  
31 as administrative staff of the task force. Said committee may seek the  
32 advice and participation of any person, organization or state or federal  
33 agency it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

34 (g) Not later than January 1, 2008, the task force shall submit a  
35 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
36 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
37 relating to human services and to the select committee of the General  
38 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in  
39 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
40 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or  
41 January 1, 2008, whichever is 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 attempt to examine one of the root causes of poverty and other social ills.

*[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.]*

Co-Sponsors: SEN. LEBEAU, 3rd Dist.; REP. KIRKLEY-BEY, 5th Dist.  
REP. MCCRORY, 7th Dist.

S.B. 858