



General Assembly

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY DAY PROGRAM SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.

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 all day program options provided by the Department of
3 Developmental Services, including, but not limited to, sheltered
4 workshops and any other program providing day services to persons
5 with developmental disabilities. Such study shall include, but not be
6 limited to, an examination of (1) the delivery of existing day program
7 services; (2) funding streams, both public and private, that successfully
8 finance existing day program services; (3) methodologies for the
9 reporting of reimbursements; and (4) competitive salary rates paid
10 under such programs and the methodologies used to determine such
11 salary rates.

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

13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
14 one of whom shall be a representative from the Connecticut
15 Association of Nonprofits and one of whom shall be a representative
16 from the Connecticut Community Providers Association;

17 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, both

18 of whom shall be parents or legal guardians of persons with
19 developmental disabilities who receive day program services;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a labor organization
22 whose members provide day program services;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
24 a person who receives day program services from a publicly funded
25 day program;

26 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, who shall be a person who receives day program
28 services from a privately funded day program;

29 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
30 a representative from The Arc of Connecticut;

31 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
32 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
33 relating to public health;

34 (8) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the
35 commissioner's designee;

36 (9) Two persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a
37 representative from FORConn and one of whom shall be a
38 representative from People First of Connecticut; and

39 (10) A representative of the Bureau of Rehabilitative Services
40 appointed by the Commissioner of Social Services.

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

44 (d) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, and the house
45 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly

46 having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall serve as
47 the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the
48 first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later than thirty
49 days after the effective date of this section. Thereafter the task force
50 shall meet at least on a monthly basis. The task force shall schedule
51 public hearings as necessary to elicit public commentary from persons
52 around the state.

53 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
54 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
55 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

56 (f) Not later than July 1, 2009, the task force shall report on its
57 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
58 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
59 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
60 general statutes. Such report shall include recommendations from the
61 task force on methods that the Department of Developmental Services
62 might employ to provide improved and more fiscally responsible day
63 program services and shall also include recommendations concerning
64 the existing sheltered workshops. The task force shall terminate on the
65 date that it submits such report or July 1, 2009, whichever is later.

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

LM *Joint Favorable Subst.*