



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 323**

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House Bill No. 5353

*House of Representatives, April 6, 2010*

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.***

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 traumatic brain injuries. Such study shall include, but not be  
3 limited to, an examination of: (1) Existing services for individuals with  
4 traumatic brain injury, (2) options for developing and improving such  
5 services including coordination of services between public and private  
6 entities, and (3) the unique needs of, and services for, veterans with  
7 traumatic brain injury. The task force shall be authorized to examine  
8 the data contained in the traumatic brain injury registry established  
9 pursuant to section 19a-6e of the general statutes.

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

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

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

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
14 Representatives;

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

16 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
17 Representatives;

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

19 (7) The Commissioners of Veterans' Affairs and Public Health, or  
20 the commissioners' designees; and

21 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor;

22 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
23 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
24 of the General Assembly.

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

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

33 (f) The administrative staff of the select committee of the General  
34 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' affairs  
35 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

36 (g) Not later than January 1, 2011, the task force shall submit a  
37 report on its findings and recommendations to the select committee of  
38 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
39 veterans' affairs, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
40 the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date it  
41 submits such report or January 1, 2011, whichever is later.

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

**VA**      *Joint Favorable C/R*      **HS**  
**HS**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>
Legislative Management	GF - Cost	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study traumatic brain injuries. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Veterans' Affairs Committee by January 1, 2011. The bill requires the staff of the Veterans' Affairs Committee to provide administrative assistance.

To the extent that legislators participate on the task force, the Office of Legislative Management (OLM) may incur minimal costs associated with mileage reimbursement of 50 cents per mile in FY 11.

**The Out Years**

There is no annualized ongoing fiscal impact, as the task force terminates by January 1, 2011.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 9 Nay 0 (03/02/2010)

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/18/2010)