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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE
PRIVATIZATION OF GROUP HOMES.**

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 privatization of group homes. Such study shall include a
3 comparison of group homes, both in the state and in bordering states,
4 that are operated by private providers and licensed by the Department
5 of Developmental Services or an agency with similar functions in a
6 border state with group homes operated by the Department of
7 Developmental Services or an agency with similar functions in a
8 border state. Such comparison shall include, but not be limited to, an
9 examination of: (1) Resident population and level of care required for
10 group home residents; (2) staffing, including the number of staff
11 members per resident and the wages and benefits provided to the staff
12 members; and (3) operating costs, excluding staffing. The study shall
13 also include consideration of the effects of (A) state labor contracts,
14 and (B) the moratorium on the sale of state property on the
15 privatization of group homes.

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

17 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
18 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
19 relating to human services;

20 (2) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the
21 commissioner's designee;

22 (3) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
23 designee;

24 (4) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
25 commissioner's designee;

26 (5) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
27 the commissioner's designee; and

28 (6) A representative of the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, who
29 shall be appointed by the director of the legislative Office of Fiscal
30 Analysis.

31 (c) One chairperson and one ranking member of the joint standing
32 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
33 relating to human services shall serve as the chairpersons of the task
34 force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task
35 force, which shall be held no later than sixty days after the effective
36 date of this section.

37 (d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
39 services shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

40 (e) Not later than December 1, 2010, the task force shall submit a
41 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
42 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
43 relating to human services, in accordance with the provisions of
44 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
45 the date that it submits such report or December 1, 2010, whichever is

46 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 establish a task force to study the privatization of group homes.

[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.]