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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to examine ways to develop and improve existing services for individuals with traumatic brain injury, including the unique needs and services for veterans with traumatic brain injury.

[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.]