



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 5998

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE ISSUES
SURROUNDING CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN REHABILITATION.**

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 issues surrounding children and youth in rehabilitation. The
3 task force shall examine: (1) Barriers to accessing substance use
4 disorder treatment services for children and youth and coverage gaps
5 in the provision of such services, (2) insurance coverage and
6 reimbursement for rehabilitation services for children and youth,
7 including substance use disorder treatment services, (3) the practical
8 implications of state and federal mental health parity laws as such laws
9 relate to the provision of substance use disorder treatment services for
10 children and youth, and (4) such other topics the task force considers
11 pertinent that relate to the provision of rehabilitation services to
12 children and youth in the state.

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

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

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

16 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;

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

19 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives;

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

22 (7) The Commissioners of Mental Health and Addiction Services
23 and Children and Families and the Insurance Commissioner, or said
24 commissioners' designees;

25 (8) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee;

26 (9) The Healthcare Advocate, or the Healthcare Advocate's
27 designee;

28 (10) Two persons appointed by the Governor; and

29 (11) Two persons appointed by the chairpersons of the task force,
30 who shall be representatives of parent or family advocacy groups.

31 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
32 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
33 of the General Assembly.

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

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

42 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
43 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
44 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

45 (g) Not later than January 1, 2012, the task force shall submit a
46 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing

47 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
48 relating to public health, human services and insurance, in accordance
49 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task
50 force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January
51 1, 2012, whichever is later.

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

In section 1(a)(3), "as relate to" was changed to "as such laws relate to" for clarity. In section 1(a)(4) "as relate to" was changed to "that relate to" for clarity.

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