



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6218

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON SAFETY NET 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 safety net services. The task force shall develop proposals to
3 (1) improve mechanisms for accessing basic safety net services,
4 including services provided under programs related to public health,
5 food assistance, child care, income support and housing assistance,
6 and (2) improve family welfare programs, including the temporary
7 family assistance program and the Jobs First program, to ensure that
8 the basic needs of families are met and to ensure participants in the
9 temporary family assistance program have adequate access to
10 employment opportunities.

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

12 (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
13 secretary's designee;

14 (2) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
15 designee;

16 (3) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

17 (4) The Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the

18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
19 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, or the chairperson's
20 designee;

21 (5) The Senate ranking member of the joint standing committee of
22 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
23 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, or the ranking
24 member's designee;

25 (6) The House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
26 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
27 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, or the chairperson's
28 designee;

29 (7) The House ranking member of the joint standing committee of
30 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
31 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, or the ranking
32 member's designee;

33 (8) The Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
35 services, or the chairperson's designee;

36 (9) The Senate ranking member of the joint standing committee of
37 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
38 services, or the ranking member's designee;

39 (10) The House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
41 services, or the chairperson's designee;

42 (11) The House ranking member of the joint standing committee of
43 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
44 services, or the ranking member's designee;

45 (12) The Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
46 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and

47 public employees, or the chairperson's designee; and

48 (13) The House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
49 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
50 public employees, or the chairperson's designee.

51 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
52 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
53 filled by the appointing authority, except a vacancy unfilled for more
54 than sixty days may be filled by joint appointment of the speaker of the
55 House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate.

56 (d) The Governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and
57 the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of
58 the task force from among the members of the task force. Such
59 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which
60 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
61 section.

62 (e) The administrative staff of the Office of Policy and Management
63 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

64 (f) Not later than January 1, 2012, the task force shall submit a report
65 on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the joint
66 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
67 matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets
68 of state agencies. Such report shall include, but not be limited to,
69 recommendations for budget, policy and statutory changes to simplify
70 access to state safety net services and to meet the basic needs of
71 families while improving access to employment leading to self-
72 sufficiency for participants in the temporary family assistance
73 program. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
74 report or January 1, 2012, whichever is later.

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