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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:  
(APP)

***AN ACT CREATING A CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION TASK FORCE.***

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 childhood  
2 immunization task force. Said task force shall: (1) Develop a plan to (A)  
3 maintain access to high-quality immunizations for children in the state,  
4 (B) determine how to respond to recommendations by the National  
5 Centers for Disease Control for new childhood immunizations not  
6 currently provided by the state immunization program administered  
7 by the Department of Public Health, (C) implement a program  
8 permitting health care providers who administer vaccines to children  
9 under the federal Vaccines for Children program to select, and the  
10 Department of Public Health to provide, vaccines licensed by the  
11 federal Food and Drug Administration, and (D) determine how best to  
12 cover the cost of immunizations for children in the state, and (2)  
13 consider whether the state should continue universal immunization for  
14 children in the state.

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

16 (1) Two representatives of the pharmaceutical industry, one each

17 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
18 president pro tempore of the Senate;

19 (2) Two representatives of the insurance industry, one each  
20 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and  
21 the majority leader of the Senate;

22 (3) Two representatives of the American Academy of Pediatrics, one  
23 each appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives  
24 and the minority leader of the Senate;

25 (4) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
26 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
27 relating to public health;

28 (5) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
30 relating to human services;

31 (6) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
32 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
33 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies;

34 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
35 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
36 relating to insurance;

37 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
38 designee;

39 (9) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

40 (10) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
41 designee;

42 (11) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
43 secretary's designee;

44 (12) An employee of the Department of Public Health, appointed by  
45 the Commissioner of Public Health, responsible for immunizations;  
46 and

47 (13) A representative of a life insurance company authorized to do  
48 business in this state, appointed by the Insurance Commissioner.

49 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
50 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy of an  
51 appointed membership shall be filled by the appointing authority.

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

57 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
58 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
59 health and the staff of the Office of Legislative Research shall serve as  
60 administrative staff of the task force.

61 (f) Not later than January 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a report  
62 on its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for  
63 legislation, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
64 having cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services,  
65 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and insurance, in  
66 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
67 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or  
68 January 1, 2013, 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 develop a plan to provide immunizations to children in the state, in accordance with federal initiatives, and to consider whether universal immunization for children in the state should continue.

*[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.]*