



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6497

January Session, 2013



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE MARKETING OF FIREARMS TO YOUNG CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) There is established a Task Force
2 on The Marketing of Firearms to Young Children. The task force shall
3 study the effects of the firearm industry's attempts to market firearms
4 to children and whether such marketing has contributed to a rise in
5 violence in the state. The task force shall consist of the following
6 members: (1) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or said
7 commissioner's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Social Services, or
8 said commissioner's designee, (3) the Commissioner of Correction, or
9 said commissioner's designee, (4) the executive director of the Court
10 Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, or said executive
11 director's designee, (5) the Chief State's Attorney, or said Chief State's
12 Attorney's designee, (6) one member of the General Assembly
13 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, (7) one member
14 of the General Assembly appointed by the speaker of the House of
15 Representatives, (8) one member of the General Assembly appointed
16 by the majority leader of the Senate, (9) one member of the General
17 Assembly appointed by the majority leader of the House of
18 Representatives, (10) one member of the General Assembly appointed
19 by the minority leader of the Senate, (11) one member of the General
20 Assembly appointed by the minority leader of the House of

21 Representatives, (12) one member designated by the Commission on
 22 Children, (13) one member of the Connecticut Sportsmen Association
 23 or the Boy Scouts of America or a representative of the firearms
 24 manufacturing industry appointed by the majority leader of the House
 25 of Representatives, and (14) one member of the Connecticut Sportsmen
 26 Association or the Boy Scouts of America or a representative of the
 27 firearms manufacturing industry appointed by the minority leader of
 28 the House of Representatives. All appointments to the task force shall
 29 be made not later than July 31, 2013. Any vacancy shall be filled by the
 30 appointing authority.

31 (b) The task force shall: (1) Study the effects of the firearm industry's
 32 attempts to market firearms to children; (2) receive reports and
 33 testimony from individuals, state and local agencies, community-based
 34 organizations and other public and private organizations; (3) make
 35 recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor for new
 36 or enhanced policies to address the findings of the task force; (4) gather
 37 and maintain current information regarding the marketing of firearms
 38 to children that can be used to better understand the impact of such
 39 marketing on youth behavior; and (5) advise the General Assembly
 40 and the Governor concerning the coordination and administration of
 41 state programs that may reduce the effects of marketing firearms to
 42 young children.

43 (c) Not later than October 1, 2014, the task force shall submit, in
 44 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 45 a report to the General Assembly and the joint standing committee of
 46 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 47 children specifying the task force's findings and recommendations
 48 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(a), "The" was added for clarity and "firearm" was changed to "firearms" for accuracy.

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