



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6525

LCO No. 3882



Referred to Committee on CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILDHOOD OBESITY TASK FORCE.

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 Childhood Obesity to study the effects of obesity on children's
3 health. The task force shall consist of the following members: (1) The
4 Commissioner of Children and Families, or said commissioner's
5 designee, (2) the Commissioner of Social Services, or said
6 commissioner's designee, (3) the Commissioner of Education, or said
7 commissioner's designee, (4) the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and
8 ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General
9 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, and (5)
10 two members of the public appointed by the joint standing committee
11 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
12 children, one of whom is an advocate for children's health matters and
13 one of whom is an academic, civic or cultural leader specializing in
14 children's health matters. All appointments to the task force shall be
15 made not later than July 31, 2013. Any vacancy shall be filled by the
16 appointing authority.

17 (b) The task force shall: (1) Study the effects of obesity on children's
18 health; (2) make recommendations to the General Assembly and the
19 Governor for new or enhanced policies to address the findings of the
20 task force; (3) gather and maintain current information regarding
21 childhood obesity that can be used to better understand the impact of
22 obesity on children's health; and (4) advise the General Assembly and
23 Governor concerning the coordination and administration of state
24 programs that may reduce the incidents of childhood obesity.

25 (c) Not later than October 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a
26 report to the General Assembly and the joint standing committee of the
27 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in
28 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
29 detailing the task force's findings pursuant to subsection (b) of this
30 section.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study childhood obesity.

[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.]