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Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY FAMILY
MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE.***

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 Family Medical Leave Insurance. The task force shall study the
3 feasibility of establishing an insurance program to provide short-term
4 benefits to workers who are unable to work due to (1) pregnancy or
5 the birth of a child, (2) a non-work-related illness or injury, or (3) the
6 need to care for a seriously ill child, spouse or parent.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members: (1) The
8 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of
9 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
10 and public employees; (2) the executive director of the Permanent
11 Commission on the Status of Women, or said director's designee; (3)
12 the Commissioner of Insurance, or said commissioner's designee; (4)
13 the Labor Commissioner, or said commissioner's designee; (5) the State
14 Comptroller, or said comptroller's designee; (6) three members of the
15 public appointed by the Governor, one of whom represents an

16 organization that advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities,
17 one of whom represents an organization that advocates for infant
18 health and one of whom represents an organization that advocates for
19 individuals sixty-five years of age or older; (7) two members of the
20 public appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
21 whom represents an organization that provides legal services to low-
22 income individuals and one of whom serves or has served in a care-
23 giving institution, as defined in section 20-571 of the general statutes;
24 (8) two members of the public appointed by the speaker of the House
25 of Representatives, one of whom represents an organization that
26 advocates for individuals with chronic or acute illnesses and one of
27 whom represents a labor organization; (9) two members of the public
28 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom
29 represents an organization that provides medical care to working
30 families and one of whom represents the insurance industry; (10) two
31 members of the public appointed by the majority leader of the House
32 of Representatives, one of whom represents an organization that
33 advocates for working families and one of whom represents the
34 interests of women-owned businesses; (11) two members of the public
35 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom
36 represents an organization that provides temporary disability
37 insurance and one of whom represents the interests of small
38 businesses; and (12) two members of the public appointed by the
39 minority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom
40 represents the interests of state businesses and one of whom represents
41 the interests of parents.

42 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
43 July 31, 2013. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

44 (d) The executive director of the Permanent Commission on the
45 Status of Women shall serve as the chairperson and schedule the first
46 meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than September
47 1, 2013. The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women shall
48 provide any necessary support staff or services for the task force.

49 (e) Not later than October 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a
50 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
51 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
52 relating to labor and public employees, in accordance with the
53 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

54 (f) The task force shall terminate on October 1, 2014.

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 examine the feasibility of establishing a family medical leave insurance benefit.

[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.]