



General Assembly

January Session, 2015

**Committee Bill No. 287**

LCO No. 3283



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

**AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ALTERNATIVE  
FUNDING SOURCES FOR NUTRITIONAL SERVICES FOR SENIOR  
CITIZENS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section,  
2 "senior citizen" means a person age sixty or older. There is established  
3 a task force to study alternative funding sources for nutritional  
4 services for senior citizens. Such study shall include, but not be limited  
5 to: (1) A listing of existing sources of funding for nutrition programs  
6 for senior citizens, (2) nutritional programs for senior citizens, (3) the  
7 number of senior citizens estimated to be in need of nutritional  
8 services, (4) an estimate of funds required to meet the need for such  
9 services, (5) approaches taken by other states to fund nutritional  
10 programs for senior citizens, and (6) a listing of potential private  
11 sources of funding.

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

13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
14 one of whom shall be a director of a senior center;

15 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
16 of whom shall be a meals on wheels provider;

17 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
18 Representatives;

19 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

20 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
21 Representatives;

22 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

23 (7) The Commissioner of Aging, or the commissioner's designee;  
24 and

25 (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
26 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
27 relating to aging, or their designees.

28 (c) A member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1), (2),  
29 (3), (4), (5), (6) or (8) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
30 of the General Assembly.

31 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
32 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
33 filled by the appointing authority.

34 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
35 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
36 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
37 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
38 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

39 (f) The administrative staff of the Commission on Aging shall serve  
40 as administrative staff of the task force.

41 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a

42 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
43 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
44 relating to aging, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
45 the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
46 submits such report or January 1, 2016, 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 investigate alternative sources of funding to provide nutritional services for senior citizens.

*[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.]*

Co-Sponsors: SEN. KELLY, 21st Dist.

S.B. 287