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Substitute Senate Bill No. 119

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. LARSON of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOARDING.

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 task force
2 to study issues concerning hoarding. The task force shall (1) review
3 current methods used by various public agencies to address hoarding,
4 (2) identify barriers faced by public agencies to intervene and assist
5 persons who compulsively hoard, (3) create a framework to coordinate
6 the efforts among state and local public agencies to address the public
7 safety and health issues associated with hoarding, and (4) study
8 whether it is permissible to waive a period of Medicaid ineligibility
9 with regard to an individual who compulsively hoards and whose
10 assets have been discovered after such individual applies for Medicaid.

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

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
13 one of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Fire Marshals

14 Association and one of whom shall be an attorney with experience
15 representing municipalities;

16 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
17 of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Police Chiefs
18 Association and one of whom shall represent the Connecticut
19 Conference of Municipalities;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the legal aid
22 assistance programs in the state;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
24 a representative of a mental health advocacy center;

25 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives, one of whom shall be a local building inspector and
27 one of whom shall represent residential landlords;

28 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of
29 whom shall be a local animal control officer and one of whom shall be
30 a representative of a residential real estate management company;

31 (7) Three appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a
32 physician with experience in treating persons with compulsive
33 disorders, one of whom shall be a representative of a municipal human
34 services department and one of whom shall be a local health director;

35 (8) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
36 or the commissioner's designee;

37 (9) The Commissioner on Aging, or the commissioner's designee;

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

40 (11) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
41 the commissioner's designee;

42 (12) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
43 designee;

44 (13) The Chief's State Attorney, or his or her designee;

45 (14) The State Building Inspector, or his or her designee;

46 (15) The State Fire Marshal, or his or her designee;

47 (16) The Chief Animal Control Officer, or his or her designee; and

48 (17) The executive director of the Commission on Aging, or the
49 executive director's designee.

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

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

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

61 (f) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a report
62 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee
63 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
64 public safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section
65 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
66 that it submits such report or January 1, 2017, whichever is later.

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

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 17 to those agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact because the task force terminates in FY 17.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

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Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/10/2016)