



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 119**

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**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

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*