



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 66**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5245

*House of Representatives, March 28, 2018*

The Committee on Aging reported through REP. SERRA of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY BEST PRACTICES FOR PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS.***

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 with publicly funded transportation for persons with  
3 disabilities and persons who are senior citizens or veterans. Such study  
4 shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) An examination of best  
5 practices in other states on serving such persons; (2) the services and  
6 public transportation fare discounts now available for such persons; (3)  
7 the current and anticipated transportation needs of such persons; and  
8 (4) ways the state can provide more efficient, cost-effective and reliable  
9 transportation for such persons.

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

11 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
12 one of whom has expertise in the transportation of persons with

13 disabilities and senior citizens and one of whom has expertise in  
14 veterans' affairs;

15 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

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

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

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

21 (6) One appointed by the Senate Republican president pro tempore;

22 (7) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's  
23 designee;

24 (8) The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, or the commissioner's  
25 designee;

26 (9) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children  
27 and Seniors, or the executive director's designee; and

28 (10) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
29 designee.

30 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
31 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
32 of the General Assembly.

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

36 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
37 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
38 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
39 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not

40 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

41 (f) The administrative staff of the Commission on Women, Children  
42 and Seniors shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

43 (g) Not later than January 1, 2019, the task force shall submit a  
44 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
45 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
46 relating to aging, human services, transportation and veterans' affairs,  
47 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
48 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such  
49 report or January 1, 2019, 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 Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(a), "senior citizens and veterans" was changed to "and persons who are senior citizens or veterans" for clarity.

**AGE** Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill establishes a task force to study issues with publicly funded transportation for persons with disabilities, senior citizens and veterans. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the pertinent committees of cognizance by January 1, 2019.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/15/2018)