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Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO INCREASE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.***

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 how to increase employment opportunities for persons with
3 disabilities. The task force shall study and make recommendations
4 concerning matters including, but not limited to, (1) expanding
5 existing employment assistance programs for persons with disabilities,
6 and (2) establishing financial incentives for businesses to employ more
7 persons with disabilities.

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

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
10 one of whom is an employed person with intellectual disabilities and
11 one of whom is an employed person with physical disabilities;

12 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
13 of whom is an employed person with mental disabilities and one of
14 whom is an employer of persons with disabilities;

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

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

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

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

21 (7) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the
22 commissioner's designee;

23 (8) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
24 the commissioner's designee;

25 (9) The Labor Commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

26 (10) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, or the commissioner's
27 designee; and

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

30 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (3),
31 (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
32 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 joint standing committee of the

42 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
43 Department of Developmental Services shall serve as administrative
44 staff of the task force.

45 (g) Not later than February 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a
46 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
47 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
48 relating to finance, revenue and bonding, human services, labor and
49 public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
50 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
51 submits such report or February 1, 2020, 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 study and develop recommendations to increase employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

[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.]