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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' LEVEL OF NEED ASSESSMENT."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study the Department of Developmental Services' level of need
5 assessment system. Such study shall include, but need not be limited
6 to, (1) an examination of the instrument, policies, procedures, training
7 and education materials related to the department's level of need
8 assessment system and the diverse behavioral and medical issues
9 assessed by such system, and (2) developing recommendations for
10 improvement and greater consistency in administration and results.

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 is a psychiatrist with expertise in the diagnosis and
14 treatment of persons with intellectual disability and one of whom is a

15 parent or guardian of a person with intellectual disability who has
16 complex behavioral or medical needs and is treated by a private
17 provider;

18 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
19 of whom is a behavioral analyst with expertise in the diagnosis and
20 treatment of persons with intellectual disability and one of whom is a
21 parent or guardian of a person with intellectual disabilities who does
22 not have complex behavioral or medical needs, but requires high levels
23 of support and is treated by a private provider;

24 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
25 Representatives, who is the chief executive officer or president of a
26 private provider from the department's designated north or south
27 regions;

28 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is the
29 chief executive officer or president of a private provider from the
30 department's designated west region;

31 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
32 Representatives, who is a member of CT DDS Families First;

33 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
34 member of the Arc Connecticut;

35 (7) A regional director from the department appointed by the
36 Commissioner of Developmental Services; and

37 (8) One appointed by the Governor who is a physician with
38 expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of persons with intellectual
39 disability.

40 (c) No member of the task force appointed under subsection (b) of
41 this section may be (1) a member of the General Assembly, or (2)
42 except as provided in subdivisions (5) and (6) of subsection (b) of this
43 section, an employee, board or council member, officer, consultant to
44 or relative of an employee, board or council member, officer or

45 consultant to the Arc Connecticut or any of its affiliate organizations,
46 CT DDS Families First or the Connecticut Council on Developmental
47 Disabilities.

48 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
49 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
50 filled by the appointing authority not later than thirty days of a
51 vacancy occurring. If an appointment is not made or a vacancy is not
52 filled within such time, the existing members of the task force may
53 make the appointment or fill the vacancy through a majority vote.

54 (e) The members of the task force shall select the chairpersons of the
55 task force by a majority vote. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first
56 meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days
57 after the effective date of this section.

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

61 (g) Not later than February 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a
62 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
63 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
64 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section
65 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Council on Developmental Services
66 and to each regional advisory and planning council established
67 pursuant to section 17a-273 of the general statutes. The task force shall
68 terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2020,
69 whichever is later."

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