



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5095**

LCO No. 730



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY A CONSERVED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS.***

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 best to ensure the rights of a person under  
3 conservatorship, as defined in section 45a-656b of the general statutes,  
4 to interact with others. Such study shall include, but need not be limited  
5 to: (1) An examination of whether current state laws provide the least  
6 restrictive means to ensure such person may maintain relationships  
7 with family members and others, and (2) best practices to resolve  
8 conflicts between a conservator of the person, as defined in section 45a-  
9 644 of the general statutes, and family members and others regarding  
10 access to a person under conservatorship while assuring the safety of  
11 such person.

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

13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
14 both of whom are members of a legal services organization whose  
15 members represent persons under conservatorship;

16 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of  
17 whom represents a conserved person and one of whom is a conservator  
18 of the person;

19 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
20 Representatives;

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

22 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
23 Representatives;

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

25 (7) The Probate Court Administrator, or the Probate Court  
26 Administrator's designee.

27 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (3),  
28 (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
29 General Assembly.

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

33 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
34 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
35 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
36 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
37 days after the effective date of this section.

38 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
39 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging shall  
40 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

41 (g) Not later than December 31, 2020, the task force shall submit a  
42 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
43 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

44 relating to aging and the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of  
45 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on  
46 the date that it submits such report or December 31, 2020, whichever is  
47 later.

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

To ensure that a conserved person has the right to timely visits with loved ones.

*[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.]*