



General Assembly

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LCO No. 2809



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS.

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 protocols used by first responders, emergency medical services
3 personnel, police officers, hospital personnel and medical examiners
4 following an opioid overdose death.
- 5 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 6 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 7 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 8 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
9 Representatives;
- 10 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 11 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
12 Representatives;

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

14 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
15 designee; and

16 (8) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
17 or the commissioner's designee.

18 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
19 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
20 of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

32 (g) Not later than January 1, 2021, the task force shall submit a report
33 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
34 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
35 health and public safety, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
36 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that
37 it submits such report or January 1, 2021, whichever is later.

38 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) On or before January 1, 2021, the
39 Commissioner of Public Health shall (1) establish guidelines for the use
40 of evidence-based, nonpharmaceutical therapies to treat chronic pain,
41 including, but not limited to, chiropractic treatment and physical
42 therapy, and (2) conduct educational and outreach activities to raise

43 awareness of such guidelines.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To combat the opioid epidemic in the state.

[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.]