

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 201**

LCO No. 2733

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HEALTH
INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE INEQUITY IN THIS STATE.**

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 inequity in the provision of health insurance coverage and
3 health care to minority populations in this state. Such study shall
4 include, but need not be limited to, identifying any means available to
5 promote equity in the provision of health insurance coverage and health
6 care in this state.

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

8 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 both of whom are individual consumers of health care and one of whom
10 has purchased coverage through the Connecticut Health Insurance
11 Exchange established pursuant to section 38a-1081 of the general
12 statutes;

13 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
14 whom is a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 379 of the general
15 statutes who has experience working with minority patients at locations
16 in this state that have an occurrence of dental decay that is greater than
17 the state-wide average occurrence of dental decay;

18 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of

19 Representatives, one of whom is the director of a health care facility who
20 has experience serving predominately minority populations and one of
21 whom has experience analyzing data for a health insurer;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is the
23 director of a nonprofit business and has experience examining the
24 causes of racial inequity in the provision of health care;

25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives, who is an individual consumer of health care provided
27 by state agencies;

28 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
29 health care provider who has experience working with minority
30 patients at locations in this state that have occurrences of asthma,
31 diabetes and prenatal death that are greater than the state-wide average
32 occurrences of asthma, diabetes and prenatal death;

33 (7) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

34 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
35 designee;

36 (9) The executive director of the Office of Health Strategy, or the
37 executive director's designee; and

38 (10) Two appointed by the Governor.

39 (c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
40 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
41 be filled by the appointing authority.

42 (d) The members of the task force shall select the chairpersons of the
43 task force, from among the members of the task force, by a vote of the
44 majority of the members of the task force. The Insurance Commissioner
45 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
46 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

47 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
48 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance
49 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

50 (f) Not later than December 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a
51 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
52 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
53 relating to insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
54 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
55 submits such report or December 1, 2020, whichever is 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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