



# House of Representatives

**File No. 775**

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File No. 391)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6599  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
June 1, 2021

***AN ACT EXAMINING THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORT  
FORM USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.***

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 examine the uniform investigation of accident report form prescribed  
3 under subsection (a) of section 14-108a of the general statutes and  
4 consider modifications to such form to address issues including, but not  
5 limited to, the length of such form and the time needed by police officers  
6 and other individuals investigating an accident to complete such form.

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

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
9 who is a municipal police officer;

10 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is  
11 a police chief from a municipality with a population of at least forty-five  
12 thousand;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
14 Representatives, who is a municipal police officer;

15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a  
16 representative of an association representing the interests of  
17 municipalities;

18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
19 Representatives, who is a representative from an association  
20 representing the interests of police chiefs;

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

22 (7) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's  
23 designee;

24 (8) Five appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation, or the  
25 commissioner's designee, one of whom is an employee of the Highway  
26 Safety Office within the Department of Transportation, one of whom is  
27 an employee of the Bureau of Engineering and Construction within the  
28 department and one of whom is a professor employed by an institution  
29 of higher education in this state who specializes in transportation-  
30 related research; and

31 (9) One appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and  
32 Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee, who is a sworn  
33 member of the Division of State Police within the Department of  
34 Emergency Services and Public Protection.

35 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
36 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
37 of the General Assembly.

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

41 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro

42 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
 43 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
 44 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
 45 days after the effective date of this section.

46 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
 47 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety  
 48 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

49 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report  
 50 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
 51 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
 52 safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
 53 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
 54 submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

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

*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

The bill creates a thirteen-member task force to examine the uniform investigation of the accident report and consider modifications. The task force shall address the length of such form and the time needed by police officers and other individuals investigating an accident to complete such form.

Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the public safety committee. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

House "A" strikes the original bill and its associated fiscal impact, thus becoming the bill with the above referenced fiscal impact.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6599 (as amended by House "A")**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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