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Committee Bill No. 141

LCO No. 5495



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY CANCER
RELIEF BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTERS.***

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 cancer relief benefits for firefighters. Such study shall include,
3 but need not be limited to, an examination of (1) the adequacy of the
4 firefighters cancer relief program established pursuant to section 7-313j
5 of the general statutes, and (2) the feasibility and implications of
6 providing workers' compensation and other benefits, including death
7 benefits, to firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer acquired as a
8 result of occupational exposure to noxious fumes or poisonous gases.

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

10 (1) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
11 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor;

12 (2) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
13 one of whom has expertise in the state's workers' compensation
14 program and one of whom has expertise in cancer research;

15 (3) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;

18 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

19 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives; and

21 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

22 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (2),
23 (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
24 of the General Assembly.

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

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

33 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor shall
35 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

36 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report
37 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
38 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor, in
39 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
40 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
41 January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study cancer relief benefits for firefighters.

[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.]

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