



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1703



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW VOLUNTARISM
NEEDS OF THE STATE OMBUDSMAN.***

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 ways to (1) ensure that the Office of the Long-Term Care
3 Ombudsman has enough volunteers to reach out to residents receiving
4 long-term care in nursing homes or from community-based programs,
5 and (2) help such residents to address complaints about their care.

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

7 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
8 both of whom shall be residents' advocates appointed pursuant to
9 section 17a-406 of the general statutes;

10 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, both
11 of whom shall be representatives of senior centers;

12 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
13 Representatives;

- 14 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 15 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
16 Representatives;
- 17 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 18 (7) The State Ombudsman, or the State Ombudsman's designee;
- 19 (8) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the
20 commissioner's designee;
- 21 (9) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
22 designee; and
- 23 (10) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children,
24 Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's designee.
- 25 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (3),
26 (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
27 General Assembly.
- 28 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
29 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
30 filled by the appointing authority.
- 31 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
32 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
33 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
34 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
35 days after the effective date of this section.
- 36 (f) The administrative staff of the Commission on Women, Children,
37 Seniors, Equity and Opportunity shall serve as administrative staff of
38 the task force.
- 39 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report
40 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
41 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging

42 and human services, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
43 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
44 submits such report or January 1, 2022, 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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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to review voluntarism needs of the State Ombudsman and make recommendations.

[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.]