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Substitute Senate Bill No. 254

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF A RESIDENT WHO APPEARS IN A SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY AND OF SUCH REGISTRIES ON THE HEALTH OF A PERSON WHO APPEARS IN ONE.

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 methods of ensuring the health and safety of residents and
3 employees of a long-term care facility with a resident who appears in a
4 state or national sex offender registry database and access to long-term
5 care by a person who appears in one or more of such databases. Such
6 study shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of (1) the impact
7 that such person has as a resident of a long-term care facility on the
8 environment of the long-term care facility, (2) the impact of the sex
9 offender registry databases on (A) access to long-term care by a person
10 who appears in one or more of such databases, and (B) such person's
11 health, and (3) any necessary legislative changes to ensure (A) the health

12 and safety of residents and employees of a long-term care facility with
13 a resident who appears in one or more of such databases, and (B) access
14 to long-term care by a person who appears in one or more of such
15 databases.

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

17 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
18 one of whom shall be a representative of an alliance in the state aimed
19 at ending sexual violence, and one of whom shall be a representative of
20 the Connecticut chapter of a national organization that offers a variety
21 of services aimed at improving the lives of persons over the age of fifty;

22 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
23 whom shall be a representative of an organization in the state that
24 provides services to survivors of sexual assault when the offender is
25 released into the community after serving a sentence for sexual assault,
26 and one of whom shall be a representative of an association of health
27 care employees in New England;

28 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
29 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a membership
30 association in the state that represents nonprofit organizations serving
31 older adults and persons with a disability across a continuum of
32 services, supports and housing, including, but not limited to, long-term
33 care facilities;

34 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
35 a representative of an association of health care facilities in the state;

36 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
37 Representatives, who shall be a representative of an organization that
38 provides services to persons impacted by the justice system, including
39 persons who have been incarcerated or detained in a correctional
40 institution, jail of any city, immigration detention center or juvenile
41 detention center, persons who have been convicted but not incarcerated,
42 persons who have been charged with a crime but not convicted and

43 persons who have been arrested;

44 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
45 a representative of the Connecticut chapter of a national nonprofit
46 organization that defends, promotes and works toward preserving
47 individual rights and liberties under the Constitutions of the United
48 States and the state in state and federal court, the General Assembly and
49 the state's towns and cities;

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

52 (8) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
53 the commissioner's designee.

54 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
55 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
56 of the General Assembly.

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

60 (e) The representative of an alliance in the state aimed at ending
61 sexual violence and the representative of an association of health care
62 employees in New England shall serve as chairpersons of the task force.
63 Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force,
64 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of
65 this section.

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

69 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report
70 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
71 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
72 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general

73 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
74 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

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study methods of ensuring the health and safety of residents and employees of a long-term care facility with a resident who appears in a state or national sex offender registry database and access to long-term care by a person who appears in one or more of such databases. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Public Health Committee by January 1, 2023.

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

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/25/2022)