



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 451

LCO No. 3348



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE
EXPANSION OF MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES TO CHILDREN.***

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 working
2 group to study and make recommendations concerning methods of
3 expanding the availability and provision of mental health resources to
4 children in the state.

5 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

6 (1) A representative of an organization in the state that supports,
7 educates and advocates for families with children who have mental,
8 emotional or behavioral health challenges or developmental or
9 intellectual disabilities, who has family care coordination experience
10 and shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Children and Families;

11 (2) A representative of the public health committee of an alliance of
12 African American community leaders serving a large municipality, who
13 shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health;

14 (3) A representative of a children's hospital in the state, who shall be
15 appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health;

16 (4) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
17 commissioner's designee;

18 (5) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
19 the commissioner's designee;

20 (6) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
21 designee;

22 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
23 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
24 relating to children; and

25 (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
26 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
27 relating to public health.

28 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall schedule the
29 first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than
30 sixty days after the effective date of this section.

31 (d) The members of the working group shall elect two chairpersons
32 from among the members of the working group.

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

36 (f) Not later than January 1, 2023, the working group shall submit a
37 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
38 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
39 relating to children, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
40 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date
41 that it 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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a working group to study the expansion of mental health resources to children.

[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.]