AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MAKING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A FULL-TIME LEGISLATURE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) There is established a task force to study the feasibility of making the General Assembly a full-time legislature and thereafter compensating members of the General Assembly with a salary equivalent to the state median wage. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, legal research into what amendments to the Constitution of the state would be required to establish a full-time legislature, an estimate of how a full-time legislature would impact the state budget and a possible timeline for implementation.

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

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom has expertise in constitutional law;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
whom has expertise in constitutional law;

(3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom has expertise related to the state budget;

(4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom has expertise related to the state budget;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

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

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

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

(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration shall serve as administrative staff of the task force. The Office of Legislative Research shall assist the task force in researching full-time legislatures in other states and the Office of Fiscal Analysis shall assist the task force in calculating the increased costs that would be created by making the legislature full time.

(g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
government administration and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include recommendations for necessary constitutional changes, an estimate of the increased costs entailed by a full-time legislature and a possible timeline for implementation. The task force shall terminate on the date 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: |
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| Section 1 | from passage | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**
To establish a task force to study the implications of making the General Assembly a full-time legislature.

[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.]