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**"AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCY ISSUES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
4 to study issues concerning homemaker-companion agencies, as such  
5 agencies are defined in section 20-670 of the general statutes. The study  
6 shall include, but not be limited to: (1) Whether any changes are  
7 necessary in qualification and registration criteria for such agencies, (2)  
8 the system for resolving complaints about such agencies and whether  
9 such system is adequate, (3) training and recruitment methods of such  
10 agencies and whether any changes are needed in such methods, (4)  
11 public awareness and education strategies that may be needed to ensure  
12 clients can locate and choose agencies providing quality services, (5)  
13 services such agencies are authorized to provide, services such agencies  
14 advertise and whether additional limitations are needed on services  
15 such agencies may advertise, and (6) best practices nation-wide to

16 ensure quality services by such agencies.

17 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members, provided  
18 that members appointed pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive,  
19 of this subsection are willing and available to serve on the task force:

20 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
21 one of whom is a client of a homemaker-companion agency, or a relative  
22 of such client, and one of whom is the chairperson of the Connecticut  
23 Chapter of the Home Care Association of America, or the chairperson's  
24 designee;

25 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of  
26 whom is an employee of a homemaker-companion agency who  
27 provides homemaker-companion services, and one of whom is a  
28 representative of an organization that advocates for the rights of senior  
29 citizens;

30 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
31 Representatives;

32 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

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

35 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

36 (7) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
37 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, or the  
38 chairpersons' designees;

39 (8) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's  
40 designee; and

41 (9) The Long-Term Care Ombudsman, appointed pursuant to section  
42 17a-405 of the general statutes, or the Long-Term Care Ombudsman's  
43 designee.

44 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to  
45 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
46 General Assembly.

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

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

55 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
56 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging shall  
57 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

58 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report,  
59 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
60 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
61 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging  
62 and general law. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
63 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