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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. ANWAR of the 3rd 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 CHILDHOOD AND ADULT PSYCHOSIS.

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 childhood and adult psychosis. Such study shall include, but
3 need not be limited to, an examination of (1) the establishment of, in
4 collaboration with the Departments of Children and Families and
5 Mental Health and Addiction Services, clinics staffed by mental health
6 care providers in various fields who provide comprehensive care for
7 children and adults who are experiencing symptoms of early or first
8 episode psychosis to prevent symptoms from becoming disabling, (2)
9 early evaluation of children and adults with symptoms of a psychosis
10 and management of such symptoms, including, but not limited to,
11 initiating treatment and making any necessary referrals for additional
12 treatment or services, (3) creating (A) care pathways that include
13 specialty teams that treat children and adults who are experiencing
14 early or first episode psychosis, (B) a state-wide model for coordinating
15 specialty care for children and adults experiencing psychosis, as
16 recommended by the National Institute of Mental Health, and (C)
17 services for such children and adults, including, but not limited to,

18 collaboration on psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy, family support,
19 education, coordination with community support services and
20 collaboration with employers and education systems, and (4)
21 strengthening existing clinical networks that treat children and adults
22 experiencing psychosis with a focus on collaborative research and
23 outcomes. As used in this subsection, "psychosis" means a severe mental
24 condition in which disruptions to a person's thoughts and perceptions
25 make it difficult for the person to recognize what is real and what is not
26 real and are often experienced as seeing, hearing and believing things
27 that are not real or having strange, persistent thoughts, behaviors and
28 emotions, including, but not limited to, hallucinations and delusions.

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

30 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
31 one of whom shall be a child and adolescent psychiatrist with
32 experience treating patients with psychosis and one of whom shall be a
33 clinical researcher in the field of psychosis;

34 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
35 whom shall be a psychiatrist with experience treating adults with
36 psychosis and one of whom shall be a clinical researcher in the field of
37 psychosis;

38 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
39 Representatives, who shall be the parent or guardian of a child or
40 adolescent who has been treated for psychosis;

41 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
42 an adult who has been treated for psychosis;

43 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
44 Representatives, who shall be a licensed mental health care provider
45 who has treated children or adolescents with psychosis;

46 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
47 a licensed mental health care provider who has treated adults with
48 psychosis;

49 (7) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
50 the commissioner's designee; and

51 (8) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
52 commissioner's designee.

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

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

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

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

67 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report
68 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
69 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
70 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
71 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
72 report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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

The bill establishes a task force to study psychosis resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the task force has the expertise to carry out the requirements of the bill.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

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 33 Nay 3 (03/03/2023)