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Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY A HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES TAX CREDIT.

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 conduct a study of the feasibility and potential benefits of providing
3 a housing opportunity tax credit to landlords who offer housing to
4 formerly incarcerated individuals. For the purposes of this section, such
5 tax credit would be applicable against any state income tax owed by a
6 landlord and would be equal to twenty-five per cent of the rental income
7 a landlord receives from any tenant who is a formerly incarcerated
8 individual. The task force shall consider the following in its study:

9 (1) The potential impact of such tax credit on the availability of
10 housing for formerly incarcerated individuals;

11 (2) The potential financial benefits to landlords who provide housing
12 to formerly incarcerated individuals;

13 (3) The potential impact of such tax credit on recidivism rates of
14 formerly incarcerated individuals and the potential financial benefits to

15 the state resulting from any such reduced recidivism rates;

16 (4) The potential administrative costs associated with implementing
17 the tax credit program; and

18 (5) The best practices for implementing a housing opportunity tax
19 credit program.

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

21 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
22 one of whom is a formerly incarcerated individual;

23 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
24 whom is a representative of a nonprofit entity that provides housing
25 services;

26 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
27 Representatives;

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

29 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
30 Representatives, who is a landlord;

31 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
32 representative of a nonprofit entity that provides services to formerly
33 incarcerated individuals;

34 (7) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;

35 (8) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, or the commissioner's
36 designee; and

37 (9) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's designee.

38 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
39 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
40 of the General Assembly.

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

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

49 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
50 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing
51 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

52 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report
53 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
54 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing,
55 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
56 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
57 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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study a housing opportunities tax credit program for landlords that provides housing opportunities to formerly incarcerated individuals.

[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.]