



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1005

LCO No. 3920



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE POST-PANDEMIC NEEDS OF CHILDREN.

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

1 Section 1. Section 24 of public act 22-81 is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is established a task force to continue to study the
4 comprehensive needs of children in the state and the extent to which
5 such needs are being met by educators, community members and local
6 and state agencies. The task force shall (1) address subdivisions (1) to
7 (6), inclusive, of subsection (a) of section 30 of public act 21-46, (2)
8 provide recommendations to meet the demand for infant and toddler
9 care in the state by increasing access to and enrollment in child care
10 centers, group child care homes and family child care homes, and
11 identify resources to assist such centers and homes in meeting such
12 demand, [and] (3) study the feasibility of adjusting school start times to
13 improve students' mental and physical well-being, and (4) conduct a
14 needs assessment for children that identifies gaps between existing
15 conditions and desired outcomes, and the extent to which such gaps are

16 attributable to the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As used in this
17 section, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the
18 World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019,
19 and any related mutation thereof recognized by the World Health
20 Organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

21 (b) The task force shall consist of the members appointed to the task
22 force to study the comprehensive needs of children pursuant to
23 subsection (b) of section 30 of public act 21-46, except that if any member
24 declines such appointment, a new appointee shall be selected by the
25 appointing authority pursuant to said subsection.

26 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to
27 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of section 30 of public act 21-46 may be a
28 member of the General Assembly.

29 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
30 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
31 be filled by the appointing authority not later than thirty days after the
32 vacancy occurs. If a vacancy is not filled by the appointing authority, the
33 chairpersons of the task force may fill such vacancy.

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

39 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children
41 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

42 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, and January 1, 2024, the task force
43 shall update the report issued pursuant to subsection (g) of section 30 of
44 public act 21-46, and submit such updated report and any additional
45 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
46 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in

47 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
48 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
49 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>	PA 22-81, Sec. 24

Statement of Purpose:
To study the post-pandemic needs of 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.]