



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1210***

LCO No. 4028



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES  
CONCERNING RURAL HEALTH.***

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 issues concerning rural health. Such study shall include, but  
3 need not be limited to, an examination of resources and services  
4 available to promote rural health and support health care providers in  
5 rural areas throughout the state and methods for coordinating and  
6 streamlining such resources and services.

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

8 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

10 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
11 Representatives;

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

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

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

16 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
17 designee; and

18 (8) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or  
19 the commissioner's designee.

20 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
21 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
22 of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

34 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report  
35 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
36 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
37 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
38 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such  
39 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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a task force to study issues concerning rural health.

*[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.]*