



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1210

January Session, 2023



**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) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 (2) One 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) One each appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
17 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
18 relating to public health;

19 (8) One each appointed by the ranking members of the joint
20 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
21 matters relating to public health;

22 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
23 designee; and

24 (10) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
25 the commissioner's designee.

26 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
27 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8) of subsection (b) of this section 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
31 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

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

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

40 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a
41 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
42 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
43 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section
44 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date

45 that it submits such 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

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*