



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5199***

LCO No. 1330



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE SHORTAGE OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS IN THE STATE.***

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 the shortage of athletic trainers in the state. Such study shall  
3 include, but need not be limited to, an examination of methods to recruit  
4 athletic trainers to the state.

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

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

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

8 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
9 Representatives;

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

11 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
12 Representatives;

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

14 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
15 designee.

16 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
17 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
18 of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

30 (g) Not later than January 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a report  
31 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
32 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
33 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
34 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such  
35 report or January 1, 2025, 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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**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a task force to study the shortage of athletic trainers in the state.

*[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.]*