



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 156

February Session, 2024



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY REQUIRING NURSING HOMES TO SPEND A PERCENTAGE OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT OR TOTAL REVENUE ON DIRECT CARE OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.

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 Medicaid reimbursement of nursing home services. The task
3 force shall (1) consider (A) whether to require nursing home facilities to
4 spend not less than a certain percentage of (i) Medicaid funding received
5 from the state, or (ii) total revenue, including payments from Medicaid,
6 Medicare, private insurers, and direct pay, on direct care of residents,
7 and (B) whether to expand transparency requirements relating to how
8 nursing home facilities expend revenue and prioritize resident care; and
9 (2) develop recommendations regarding the considerations described in
10 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

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

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

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

14 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
15 Representatives;

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

17 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
18 Representatives;

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

20 (7) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
21 designee.

22 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
23 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
24 of the General Assembly.

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

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

33 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging shall
35 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

36 (g) Not later than January 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a report
37 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
38 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging
39 and human services, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
40 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
41 submits such 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 Legislative Commissioners:

The title was changed for accuracy.

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