



**Senate Bill No. 407**

**Special Act No. 24-16**

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR STUDENTS OF REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTERS.***

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to study workers' compensation coverage for students of regional agricultural science and technology education centers who are enrolled in (1) a public work-study as defined and approved by the Commissioner of Education and the Labor Commissioner or a program established pursuant to section 10-20a of the general statutes, or (2) an internship, as defined in section 31-23 of the general statutes. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the current policies and practices of regional agricultural science and technology education centers regarding workers' compensation coverage for such students and potential changes to state law concerning workers' compensation coverage for such students.

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

(1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees;

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(2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

(5) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and

(7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

(c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

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

(e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees shall be the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

(g) Not later than January 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-

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4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2025, whichever is later.