



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 575**

LCO No. 5377



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REGULATION  
OF PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN, BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENTS  
AND SURETY BAIL BOND AGENTS.**

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 regulation of professional bondsmen licensed under  
3 chapter 533 of the general statutes, bail enforcement agents licensed  
4 under chapter 533a of the general statutes and surety bail bond agents  
5 licensed under chapter 700f of the general statutes. Such study shall  
6 include, but need not be limited to, (1) an examination of the ways other  
7 states regulate bondsmen, bail enforcement agents or surety bail bond  
8 agents, and (2) recommendations to achieve greater accountability and  
9 oversight of such bondsmen, bail enforcement agents and surety bail  
10 bond agents.

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

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
13 one of whom represents a trade association of national bail insurance  
14 companies and one of whom represents professional bondsmen, bail  
15 enforcement agents or surety bail bond agents;

16 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of  
17 whom is a municipal police chief;

18 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
19 Representatives, who is a member of the joint standing committee of the  
20 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety  
21 and security;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a  
23 member of the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission  
24 established under section 18-87j of the general statutes;

25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
26 Representatives, who is a member of the Criminal Justice Commission  
27 established under section 51-275a of the general statutes;

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

29 (7) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's designee;

30 (8) The Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's  
31 designee; and

32 (9) The Chief Public Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's  
33 designee.

34 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
35 (2), (3) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
36 General Assembly.

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

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

45 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
46 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety  
47 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

48 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report  
49 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
50 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
51 safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
52 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
53 submits such report or January 1, 2022, 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 the regulation of professional bondsmen, bail enforcement agents and surety bail bond agents.

*[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.]*

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