



Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the Long-Term Care Personnel Task Force.
- Requires the Task Force to review issues related to the availability of personnel to provide long-term care services and to prepare a final report describing its activities, findings, and recommendations.
- Provides that the Task Force ceases to exist after submission of its final report, unless otherwise requested by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, or Governor.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Long-Term Care Personnel Task Force

(Sections 1 and 4)

The bill creates the Long-Term Care Personnel Task Force. The Task Force is required by the bill to review issues related to the availability of personnel to provide long-term care services, including all of the following:

- (1) Incentives to encourage long-term care workers to emigrate to Ohio;
- (2) High school and college programs to prepare persons to become long-term care workers;
- (3) Public awareness programs to improve the image of long-term care work;

(4) Reimbursement and regulatory impediments to recruiting and retaining long-term care workers;

(5) Any other issue the Task Force considers relevant to the availability of personnel to provide long-term care services.

Membership

(Sections 1, 2, and 3)

The Task Force is to consist of the following 24 members:

(1) The Director of Job and Family Services or a person designated by the Director to serve as the Director's representative;

(2) The Director of Health or a person designated by the Director to serve as the Director's representative;

(3) The Director of Aging or a person designated by the Director to serve as the Director's representative;

(4) The Tax Commissioner or a person designated by the Commissioner to serve as the Commissioner's representative;

(5) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or a person designated by the Superintendent to serve as the Superintendent's representative;

(6) The Chancellor of the Board of Regents or a person designated by the Chancellor to serve as the Chancellor's representative;

(7) The Executive Director of the Board of Nursing or a person designated by the Executive Director to serve as the Executive Director's representative;

(8) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(9) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate President;

(10) Three representatives of the public, one appointed by the Governor, one by the Speaker of the House, and one by the Senate President;

(11) One representative of each of the following organizations, appointed by their respective officials or governing bodies:

(a) The Ohio Academy of Nursing Homes;

(b) The Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes and Housing for the Aging;

(c) The Ohio Health Care Association;

(d) The Ohio Council for Home Care;

(e) The Ohio Hospice Organization;

(f) The Ohio Assisted Living Association;

(g) The Ohio chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons;

(h) The Ohio Association of Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsmen;

(i) The Ohio Hospital Association;

(j) The Ohio Nurses Association.

The Director of Job and Family Services, the Director of Health, the Director of Aging, the Tax Commissioner, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chancellor of the Board of Regents, the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing, or their respective representatives are to serve on the Task Force as long as they hold the positions that qualify them for membership. The members of the Task Force who are members of the House of Representatives or Senate, or who are representatives of one of the ten organizations listed in the bill are to serve at the discretion of the appointing official or governing body. The three public representatives appointed are to serve for the duration of the Task Force, but not longer than two years. If the duration of the Task Force extends beyond two years, the public representatives may be reappointed.

The appointment of Task Force members who are members of the House of Representatives or Senate, representatives of one of the ten organizations listed in the bill, or representatives of the public must be completed not later than 30 days after the bill's effective date. The chairperson of the Task Force is to be jointly appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Senate President from among Task Force members.

A member of the Task Force may be reappointed. Vacancies on the Task Force are to be filled in the same manner as original positions.

Compensation

(Section 2 (F))

Members of the Task Force are to serve without compensation, except to the extent that serving on the Task Force is a part of their regular duties of employment.

Report

(Section 4)

The Task Force is required by the bill to complete a final report describing its activities, findings, and recommendations. The report may include any recommendations the Task Force considers appropriate, including recommendations regarding the operation of public or private programs and recommendations for changes to be made in statute or administrative rules. The Task Force must submit a copy of the report to the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Governor not later than one year after the bill's effective date.

Prior to submitting its final report, the Task Force may complete one or more interim reports if it determines that implementation of a finding or recommendation should occur on an expedited basis. The Task Force must submit a copy of any interim report to the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Governor.

Sunset requirements

(Section 5)

Under the bill, the Task Force is to cease to exist on submission of its final report. However, at the request of the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, or the Governor, the Task Force is to continue to operate after the submission of the final report. The request must specify the additional action to be taken by the Task Force and a deadline for completion of the action. On completion of the action, the Task Force will cease to exist, unless another request is made by the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, or the Governor.

The bill provides that in no event will the Task Force continue to exist beyond four years.

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