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BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes the Task Force on Faith-Based Organizations.
- Requires the Task Force to submit a report of its recommendations to the Governor, Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Purpose of the Task Force

The bill creates the Task Force on Faith-Based Organizations and requires it to recommend the best means to do each of the following: (1) provide state and federal funds to faith-based organizations so that they may provide public services in a manner that complies with both the United States Constitution and the Ohio Constitution and (2) remove any barriers that may exist to faith-based organizations cooperating with public agencies in assisting those who receive public services.

Not later than eight months after the bill's effective date, the Task Force must submit a written report of its recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.

The bill states that it does not prevent faith-based organizations from providing public services, or from cooperating with public agencies in assisting those who receive public services, in any manner authorized under current law.

Appointments to the Task Force

The bill requires that within 30 days after its effective date, the 17 members of the Task Force be appointed. The Directors of Administrative Services, Aging,

Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Budget and Management, Development, Job and Family Services, and Youth Services are each to appoint one of their department's employees to the Task Force. The Speaker of the House is to appoint two members of the House of Representatives, each from a different political party, to serve on the Task Force. The President of the Senate is to appoint two members of the Senate, each from a different political party and one a member of the black legislative caucus. The Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President are each to select two representatives of the faith-based and nonprofit community. The members of the Task Force serve without compensation. Any vacancy that occurs must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Administration of the Task Force

The bill requires the Department of Job and Family Services to provide the Task Force with office space, staff, supplies, services, and other support. At its initial meeting, the Task Force is to elect one of the members of the House of Representatives as chairperson and any other officers it considers necessary. On the earlier of the issuance of its report or 12 months after the bill's effective date, the Task Force ceases to exist.

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