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BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes the Task Force on Nonprofit, Faith-Based and Other Nonprofit Organizations.
- Requires the Task Force to issue a report of its recommendations on the best means to provide state and federal funds to nonprofit, faith-based and other nonprofit organizations so that they may provide public services in a constitutional manner and to remove barriers to cooperating with public agencies.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Purpose of the Task Force

The bill creates the Task Force on Nonprofit, Faith-Based and Other Nonprofit Organizations and requires it to recommend the best means to do both of the following: (1) provide state and federal funds to nonprofit, faith-based and other nonprofit 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 nonprofit, faith-based and other nonprofit 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 issue a report of its recommendations and provide copies to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President of the Senate.

The bill states that it does not prevent, and is not to be construed as preventing, any nonprofit, faith-based or other nonprofit organization 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 21 members of the Task Force be appointed. The Directors of Aging, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Rehabilitation and Correction, Development, Health, Job and Family Services, Mental Health, 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 at least one of whom is a member of the legislative black caucus. The Governor, Speaker of the House, and Senate President are each to appoint three representatives of the nonprofit, faith-based and nonprofit community. Any vacancy that occurs must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The members of the Task Force serve without compensation.

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 serving on the Task Force 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.

HISTORY

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