

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senators Brandes and Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a task force on affordable housing;
3 creating a task force on affordable housing; directing
4 the task force to be assigned to the Florida Housing
5 Finance Corporation for administrative purposes;
6 directing the task force to convene no later than a
7 specified date; providing membership requirements;
8 directing the corporation to provide administrative
9 and staff support services to the task force;
10 requiring members of the task force to serve without
11 compensation; providing members certain entitlements
12 to reimbursement, subject to certain requirements;
13 directing the task force to develop recommendations
14 for the state's affordable housing needs, subject to
15 certain requirements; directing the task force to
16 submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by
17 a specified date; terminating the task force by a
18 specified date; providing an effective date.

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22 Section 1. (1) There is created a task force on affordable
23 housing. The task force is assigned to the Florida Housing
24 Finance Corporation for administrative purposes only.

25 (2) The task force shall convene no later than September 1,
26 2017, and shall be composed of the following 13 members:

27 (a) The executive director of the Florida Housing Finance
28 Corporation, who shall serve as chair of the task force.

29 (b) The executive director of the Department of Economic

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30 Opportunity or his or her designee.

31 (c) Five members appointed by the Governor. Of the five
32 members, one must be an advocate for the homeless, one must be
33 an advocate of the needs of individuals with disabling
34 conditions and persons with special needs as defined in s.
35 420.0004, one must represent the building or development
36 community, and one must be a realtor licensed in this state.

37 (d) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate.

38 (e) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
39 Representatives.

40 (f) The executive director of the Florida Association of
41 Counties or his or her designee.

42 (g) The executive director of the Florida League of Cities
43 or his or her designee.

44 (3) (a) The Florida Housing Finance Corporation shall
45 provide administrative and staff support services to the task
46 force which relate to its functions.

47 (b) Members of the task force shall serve without
48 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
49 travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.
50 Per diem and travel expenses incurred by a member of the task
51 force shall be paid from funds budgeted to the state agency or
52 entity that the member represents.

53 (4) (a) The task force shall develop recommendations for
54 addressing the state's affordable housing needs. The
55 recommendations shall be presented to and approved by the board
56 of directors of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. The
57 recommendations shall include, but are not limited to:

58 1. A review of market rate developments.

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- 59 2. A review of affordable housing developments.
- 60 3. A review of land use for affordable housing
61 developments.
- 62 4. A review of building codes for affordable housing
63 developments.
- 64 5. A review of the states' implementation of the low-income
65 housing tax credit.
- 66 6. A review of private and public sector development and
67 construction industries.
- 68 7. A review of the rental market for assisted rental
69 housing.
- 70 8. The development of strategies and pathways for low-
71 income housing.
- 72 (b) The task force shall submit a report containing the
73 approved recommendations to the Governor, the President of the
74 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
75 January 1, 2018.
- 76 (5) The task force is abolished June 30, 2018, or at an
77 earlier date as provided by the task force.
- 78 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.