

By Senator Rader

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Assisted and Independent Living
3 Facility Task Force; creating s. 393.25, F.S.;
4 establishing the Assisted and Independent Living
5 Facility Task Force within the Agency for Persons with
6 Disabilities; providing for duties, membership, and
7 meetings of the task force; requiring the task force
8 to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by
9 a specified date; providing for termination of the
10 task force; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 393.25, Florida Statutes, is created to
15 read:

16 393.25 Assisted and Independent Living Facility Task
17 Force.-

18 (1) The Assisted and Independent Living Facility Task Force
19 is established within the Agency for Persons with Disabilities
20 for administrative purposes only. The agency shall use existing
21 and available resources to administer and support the activities
22 of the task force under this section.

23 (2) The task force shall develop and evaluate policy
24 proposals that incentivize building contractors and developers
25 to create space for assisted living facilities or independent
26 living facilities within mixed-use developments which may be
27 used as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for
28 individuals who are in need of such housing and who have an
29 intellectual disability or autism, as those terms are defined in

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30 s. 393.063, or a mental illness, as defined in s. 394.455.

31 (3) The task force shall consist of the following members:

32 (a) The director of the Agency for Persons with
33 Disabilities or his or her designee, who shall serve as the
34 chair of the task force.

35 (b) The Secretary of Children Families or his or her
36 designee.

37 (c) The executive director of the Department of Economic
38 Opportunity or his or her designee.

39 (d) The Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation
40 or his or her designee.

41 (e) The executive director of the Commission for the
42 Transportation Disadvantaged or his or her designee.

43 (f) A representative from the Florida Supportive Housing
44 Coalition.

45 (g) A representative from the Florida Housing Finance
46 Corporation.

47 (h) A representative from the Florida Housing Coalition.

48 (i) A representative from the Florida Independent Living
49 Council.

50 (j) A representative from the National Alliance on Mental
51 Illness of Florida.

52 (k) A representative from the Florida Council for Community
53 Mental Health.

54 (l) A representative from the Florida League of Cities.

55 (m) A representative from the Florida Association of
56 Counties.

57 (n) A representative from the Florida Coalition for the
58 Homeless.

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59 (o) A representative from the Association of Florida
60 Community Developers.

61 (p) A representative from the Associated Builders and
62 Contractors, Inc., of Florida.

63 (4) Members of the task force shall serve without
64 compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem
65 or travel expenses. The task force shall convene its first
66 meeting by August 1, 2019, and shall meet as often as necessary
67 to fulfill its responsibilities under this section. Meetings may
68 be conducted in person, by teleconference, or by other
69 electronic means.

70 (5) In consultation with the applicable local and state
71 governmental entities, the task force shall:

72 (a) Identify potential barriers and opportunities in
73 existing policies, rules, or laws to incentivize building
74 contractors and developers to create space for assisted living
75 facilities and independent living facilities within mixed-use
76 developments.

77 (b) Recommend modifications to existing policies, rules, or
78 laws or propose new policies, rules, or laws that would allow
79 for the creation of space for assisted living facilities and
80 independent living facilities within mixed-use developments.

81 (c) Recommend financial and regulatory incentives to
82 encourage building contractors and developers to create space
83 for assisted living facilities and independent living facilities
84 within mixed-use developments.

85 (d) Propose funding mechanisms for the development and
86 maintenance of spaces for assisted living facilities and
87 independent living facilities within mixed-use developments.

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88 (e) Propose an overall governing structure for managing
89 spaces for assisted living facilities and independent living
90 facilities within mixed-use developments.

91 (6) The task force shall submit a report by February 1,
92 2020, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
93 Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes its
94 findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The task force shall
95 terminate on the earlier of the date the report is submitted.

96 (7) This section expires February 2, 2021.

97 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.