

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senator Rader

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Assisted and Independent Living
3 Task Force; creating the task force to evaluate
4 proposals that incentivize building contractors and
5 developers to create space for assisted living
6 facilities and independent living communities within
7 mixed-use developments; establishing the task force
8 adjunct to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities;
9 providing for duties, membership, and meetings of the
10 task force; requiring the task force to submit a
11 written stage one report and a final report to the
12 Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;
13 providing for termination of the task force; providing
14 an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. There is created the Assisted and Independent
19 Living Task Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03(8),
20 Florida Statutes, which shall develop and evaluate policy
21 proposals that incentivize building contractors and developers
22 to create space for assisted living facilities and independent
23 living communities within mixed-use developments which may be
24 used as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for
25 individuals who are in need of such housing and who have an
26 intellectual disability or autism, as those terms are defined in
27 s. 393.063, Florida Statutes, or a mental illness, as defined in
28 s. 394.455, Florida Statutes.

29 (1) The task force is established adjunct to the Agency for

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30 Persons with Disabilities for administrative purposes only. The
31 agency shall use existing and available resources to administer
32 and support the activities of the task force under this section.

33 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following 20
34 members:

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

38 (b) The Secretary of Children and Families or his or her
39 designee.

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

42 (d) The Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation
43 or his or her designee.

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

46 (f) A representative from the Florida Supportive Housing
47 Coalition.

48 (g) A representative from the Florida Housing Finance
49 Corporation.

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

51 (i) A representative from the Florida Independent Living
52 Council.

53 (j) A representative from the National Alliance on Mental
54 Illness of Florida.

55 (k) A representative from the Florida Council for Community
56 Mental Health.

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

58 (m) A representative from the Florida Association of

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59 Counties.

60 (n) A representative from the Florida Coalition for the
61 Homeless.

62 (o) A representative from the Association of Florida
63 Community Developers.

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

66 (q) A representative from the Florida Alliance for
67 Assistive Services and Technology.

68 (r) A representative from the Florida Assisted Living
69 Association.

70 (s) A representative from the Florida Association of
71 Managing Entities.

72 (t) An attorney who is a member in good standing of the
73 Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar.

74 (3) Members of the task force shall serve without
75 compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem
76 or travel expenses.

77 (4) The task force shall convene its first meeting by
78 August 1, 2019, and shall meet as often as necessary to fulfill
79 its responsibilities under this section. Meetings may be
80 conducted in person, by teleconference, or by other electronic
81 means.

82 (5) The task force shall review the funding methodology for
83 assisted living facilities that provide care to adults with
84 mental illness and those with intellectual disabilities or
85 autism. The task force shall develop recommendations for policy
86 changes to the funding methodology for assisted living
87 facilities that accept residents with mental illness or

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88 intellectual disabilities, including autism for consideration by
89 the state agencies and shall provide a written stage one report
90 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
91 the House no later than November 1, 2019.

92 (6) In consultation with the applicable local and state
93 governmental entities, the task force shall:

94 (a) Identify potential barriers and opportunities in
95 existing policies, rules, or laws to incentivize building
96 contractors and developers to create space for assisted living
97 facilities and independent living communities within mixed-use
98 developments.

99 (b) Recommend modifications to existing policies, rules, or
100 laws or propose new policies, rules, or laws that would allow
101 for the creation of space for assisted living facilities and
102 independent living communities within mixed-use developments.

103 (c) Recommend financial and regulatory incentives to
104 encourage building contractors and developers to create space
105 for assisted living facilities and independent living
106 communities within mixed-use developments.

107 (d) Propose funding mechanisms for the development and
108 maintenance of spaces for assisted living facilities and
109 independent living communities within mixed-use developments.

110 (e) Propose an overall governing structure for managing
111 spaces for assisted living facilities and independent living
112 communities within mixed-use developments.

113 (7) The task force shall submit a final report by February
114 1, 2020, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
115 Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes its
116 findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

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117 (8) The task force is terminated upon the submission of its
118 final report.

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