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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Independent Living Task Force;
3 creating s. 420.5075, F.S.; establishing the
4 Independent Living Task Force within the Florida
5 Housing Finance Corporation for certain purposes;
6 requiring the corporation to use existing and
7 available resources to administer and support the
8 activities of the task force; providing for duties,
9 membership, and meetings of the task force; requiring
10 the members of the task force to serve without
11 compensation; requiring the task force to submit a
12 report to the Governor and the Legislature by a
13 specified date; providing for expiration of specified
14 provisions on, and the dissolution of the task force
15 by, a specified date; providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Section 420.5075, Florida Statutes, is created
20 to read:

21 420.5075 Independent Living Task Force.—

22 (1) The Independent Living Task Force, a task force as
23 defined in s. 20.03(8), is established within the Florida
24 Housing Finance Corporation for administrative purposes only.
25 The corporation shall use existing and available resources to
26 administer and support the activities of the task force under
27 this section.

28 (2) The task force shall develop and evaluate policy
29 proposals that incentivize building contractors and developers

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30 to create units within mixed-use developments that may be used
31 as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for individuals
32 who are in need of such housing and who have a developmental
33 disability, as defined in s. 393.063, or a mental illness, as
34 defined in s. 394.455.

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

36 (a) The executive director of the Florida Housing Finance
37 Corporation or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair of
38 the task force.

39 (b) The director of the Agency for Persons with
40 Disabilities or his or her designee.

41 (c) The Secretary of Children and Families or his or her
42 designee.

43 (d) The executive director of the Department of Economic
44 Opportunity or his or her designee.

45 (e) The Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation
46 or his or her designee.

47 (f) The executive director of the Commission for the
48 Transportation Disadvantaged or his or her designee.

49 (g) An individual appointed by the Governor.

50 (h) The following members appointed by the executive
51 director of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation:

52 1. A representative from the Florida Supportive Housing
53 Coalition.

54 2. A representative from the Florida Housing Coalition.

55 3. A representative from the Florida Independent Living
56 Council.

57 4. A representative from the ARC of Florida.

58 5. A representative from the National Alliance on Mental

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59 Illness-Florida.

60 6. A representative from the Florida League of Cities.

61 7. A representative from the Florida Association of
62 Counties.

63 8. A representative from the Association of Florida
64 Community Developers.

65 9. A representative from the Associated Builders and
66 Contractors of Florida.

67 10. A representative from the Florida Association of
68 Rehabilitation Facilities.

69 11. A representative from the Florida Developmental
70 Disabilities Council.

71 12. A representative from the banking industry who finances
72 mixed-used developments.

73 13. A representative from the Coalition of Affordable
74 Housing Providers.

75 14. A representative from the Commercial Real Estate
76 Development Association.

77 15. An attorney who is a member in good standing of the
78 Elder Law Section of The Florida Bar.

79 (4) Members of the task force shall serve without
80 compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem
81 or travel expenses. The task force shall convene its first
82 meeting by June 1, 2020, and shall meet as often as necessary to
83 fulfill its responsibilities under this section. Meetings may be
84 conducted in person, by teleconference, or by other electronic
85 means.

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

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88 (a) Identify potential barriers and opportunities in
89 existing policies, rules, or laws to incentivize building
90 contractors and developers to create low-cost, supportive, and
91 affordable housing units for individuals with developmental
92 disabilities or mental illness within mixed-use developments.

93 (b) Recommend modifications to existing policies, rules, or
94 laws or propose new policies, rules, or laws, such as allowing
95 greater density, which would allow for the creation of low-cost,
96 supportive, and affordable housing units for individuals with
97 developmental disabilities or mental illness within mixed-use
98 developments.

99 (c) Recommend financial and regulatory incentives to
100 encourage building contractors and developers to create low-
101 cost, supportive, and affordable housing units for individuals
102 with developmental disabilities or mental illness within mixed-
103 use developments.

104 (d) Propose funding mechanisms for the development and
105 maintenance of spaces for low-cost, supportive, and affordable
106 housing units for individuals with developmental disabilities or
107 mental illness within mixed-use developments.

108 (6) The task force shall submit a report by December 1,
109 2020, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
110 Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes its
111 findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

112 (7) This section expires on, and the task force must
113 dissolve on or before, January 1, 2021.

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