

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senators Rader,
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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; defining the term
6 "disability"; providing for duties, membership, and
7 meetings of the task force; requiring the task force
8 to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature
9 by a specified date; providing for expiration 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 420.5075, Florida Statutes, is created
15 to read:

16 420.5075 Independent Living Task Force.—

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

23 (2) For purposes of this section, the term "disability" has
24 the same meaning as provided in 42 U.S.C. s. 12102(1) of the
25 Americans with Disabilities Act, as that definition exists on
26 the effective date of this act.

27 (3) The task force shall develop and evaluate policy
28 proposals that incentivize building contractors and developers
29 to create units within mixed-use developments which may be used

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30 as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for individuals
31 who are in need of such housing and who have a disability.

32 (4) The task force shall consist of the following members:

33 (a) The director of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation
34 or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair of the task
35 force.

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

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

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

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

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

46 (g) The Secretary of Elderly Affairs or his or her
47 designee.

48 (h) An individual appointed by the Governor.

49 (i) The following members appointed by the director of the
50 Florida Housing Finance Corporation:

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

53 2. A representative from the Florida Housing Coalition.

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

56 4. A representative from The Arc of Florida.

57 5. A representative from the National Alliance on Mental
58 Illness-Florida.

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

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

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

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

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

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

70 12. A representative from the banking industry who finances
71 mixed-use developments.

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

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

76 15. A representative from the Florida Behavioral Health
77 Association.

78 16. A representative from the Florida Assisted Living
79 Association.

80 17. An attorney who is a member in good standing with the
81 Elder Law Section of The Florida Bar.

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

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88 electronic means.

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

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

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

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

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

109 (7) The task force shall submit a report by December 1,
110 2021, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
111 Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes its
112 findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

113 (8) This section expires January 1, 2022.

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