

**By** the Committees on Rules; and Community Affairs; and Senators Rader, Torres, and Pizzo

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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).

25           (3) The task force shall develop and evaluate policy  
26 proposals that incentivize building contractors and developers  
27 to create units within mixed-use developments which may be used  
28 as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for individuals  
29 who are in need of such housing and who have a disability. The

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30 task force shall give special consideration to the needs of  
31 individuals who have a developmental disability, as defined in  
32 s. 393.063, or a mental illness, as defined in s. 394.455, when  
33 developing and evaluating policy proposals under this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

48 (g) The Secretary of Elderly Affairs or his or her  
49 designee.

50 (h) An individual appointed by the Governor.

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

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

55 2. A representative from the Florida Housing Coalition.

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

58 4. A representative from The Arc of Florida.

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- 59       5. A representative from the National Alliance on Mental  
60 Illness-Florida.
- 61       6. A representative from the Florida League of Cities.
- 62       7. A representative from the Florida Association of  
63 Counties.
- 64       8. A representative from the Association of Florida  
65 Community Developers.
- 66       9. A representative from the Associated Builders and  
67 Contractors of Florida.
- 68       10. A representative from the Florida Association of  
69 Rehabilitation Facilities.
- 70       11. A representative from the Florida Developmental  
71 Disabilities Council.
- 72       12. A representative from the banking industry who finances  
73 mixed-use developments.
- 74       13. A representative from the Coalition of Affordable  
75 Housing Providers.
- 76       14. A representative from the Commercial Real Estate  
77 Development Association.
- 78       15. A representative from the Florida Behavioral Health  
79 Association.
- 80       16. A representative from the Florida Assisted Living  
81 Association.
- 82       17. An attorney who is a member in good standing with the  
83 Elder Law Section of The Florida Bar.
- 84       18. A representative from the Florida Association of  
85 Managing Entities.
- 86       (5) Members of the task force shall serve without  
87 compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem

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88 or travel expenses. The task force shall convene its first  
89 meeting by August 1, 2020, and shall meet as often as necessary  
90 to fulfill its responsibilities under this section. Meetings may  
91 be conducted in person, by teleconference, or by other  
92 electronic means.

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

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

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

105 (c) Recommend financial and regulatory incentives to  
106 encourage building contractors and developers to create low-  
107 cost, supportive, and affordable housing units for individuals  
108 with disabilities within mixed-use developments.

109 (d) Propose funding mechanisms for the development and  
110 maintenance of spaces for low-cost, supportive, and affordable  
111 housing units for individuals with disabilities within mixed-use  
112 developments.

113 (7) The task force shall submit a report by January 15,  
114 2022, 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) This section expires January 1, 2022.

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