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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 17,
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 31, 2022.

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