

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; providing for duties,  
 6           membership, and meetings of the task force; requiring  
 7           the task force to submit a report to the Governor and  
 8           Legislature by a specified date; providing for  
 9           expiration of the task force; providing an effective  
 10          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)   The task force shall develop and evaluate policy  
 24   proposals that incentivize building contractors and developers  
 25   to create units within mixed-use developments which may be used

26 | as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for individuals  
 27 | who are in need of such housing and who have a developmental  
 28 | disability, as defined in s. 393.063, or a mental illness, as  
 29 | defined in s. 394.455.

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

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

34 | (b) The director of the Agency for Persons with  
 35 | Disabilities or his or her designee.

36 | (c) The Secretary of Children and Families or his or her  
 37 | designee.

38 | (d) The executive director of the Department of Economic  
 39 | Opportunity or his or her designee.

40 | (e) The Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation  
 41 | or his or her designee.

42 | (f) The executive director of the Commission for the  
 43 | Transportation Disadvantaged or his or her designee.

44 | (g) An individual appointed by the Governor.

45 | (h) The following members appointed by the director of the  
 46 | Florida Housing Finance Corporation:

47 | 1. A representative from the Florida Supportive Housing  
 48 | Coalition.

49 | 2. A representative from the Florida Housing Coalition.

50 | 3. A representative from the Florida Independent Living

- 51 Council.
- 52 4. A representative from the ARC of Florida.
- 53 5. A representative from the National Alliance on Mental
- 54 Illness-Florida.
- 55 6. A representative from the Florida League of Cities.
- 56 7. A representative from the Florida Association of
- 57 Counties.
- 58 8. A representative from the Association of Florida
- 59 Community Developers.
- 60 9. A representative from the Associated Builders and
- 61 Contractors of Florida.
- 62 10. A representative from the Florida Association of
- 63 Rehabilitation Facilities.
- 64 11. A representative from the Florida Developmental
- 65 Disabilities Council.
- 66 12. A representative from the banking industry who
- 67 finances mixed-used developments.
- 68 13. A representative from the Coalition of Affordable
- 69 Housing Providers.
- 70 14. A representative from the Commercial Real Estate
- 71 Development Association.
- 72 15. An attorney who is a member in good standing of the
- 73 Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar.
- 74 (4) Members of the task force shall serve without
- 75 compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem

76 or travel expenses. The task force shall convene its first  
77 meeting by June 1, 2020, and shall meet as often as necessary to  
78 fulfill its responsibilities under this section. Meetings may be  
79 conducted in person, by teleconference, or by other electronic  
80 means.

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

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

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

94 (c) Recommend financial and regulatory incentives to  
95 encourage building contractors and developers to create low-  
96 cost, supportive, and affordable housing units for individuals  
97 with developmental disabilities or mental illness within mixed-  
98 use developments.

99 (d) Propose funding mechanisms for the development and  
100 maintenance of spaces for low-cost, supportive, and affordable

101 | housing units for individuals with developmental disabilities or  
102 | mental illness within mixed-use developments.

103 | (6) The task force shall submit a report by December 1,  
104 | 2020, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
105 | Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes its  
106 | findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

107 | (7) This section expires January 1, 2021.

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