

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 Legislature by  
 9           a specified date; providing for expiration of the task  
 10          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"  
 24 has 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  
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  
34 | Corporation or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair of  
35 | the task 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.
- 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  
 71 finances 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 of 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  
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,  
97 or laws or propose new policies, rules, or laws, such as  
98 allowing greater density, which would allow for the creation of  
99 low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing units for  
100 individuals with 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.