

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), as
 25 that definition exists on the effective date of this act.

26 (3) The task force shall develop and evaluate policy
27 proposals that incentivize building contractors and developers
28 to create units within mixed-use developments which may be used
29 as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for individuals
30 who are in need of such housing and who have a disability. The
31 task force shall give special consideration to the needs of
32 individuals who have a developmental disability, as defined in
33 s. 393.063, or a mental illness, as defined in s. 394.455, when
34 developing and evaluating policy proposals under this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 51 (h) An individual appointed by the Governor.
- 52 (i) The following members appointed by the director of the
53 Florida Housing Finance Corporation:
- 54 1. A representative from the Florida Supportive Housing
55 Coalition.
- 56 2. A representative from the Florida Housing Coalition.
- 57 3. A representative from the Florida Independent Living
58 Council.
- 59 4. A representative from the ARC of Florida.
- 60 5. A representative from the National Alliance on Mental
61 Illness-Florida.
- 62 6. A representative from the Florida League of Cities.
- 63 7. A representative from the Florida Association of
64 Counties.
- 65 8. A representative from the Association of Florida
66 Community Developers.
- 67 9. A representative from the Associated Builders and
68 Contractors of Florida.
- 69 10. A representative from the Florida Association of
70 Rehabilitation Facilities.
- 71 11. A representative from the Florida Developmental
72 Disabilities Council.
- 73 12. A representative from the banking industry who
74 finances mixed-use developments.
- 75 13. A representative from the Coalition of Affordable

76 Housing Providers.

77 14. A representative from the Commercial Real Estate
78 Development Association.

79 15. A representative from the Florida Behavioral Health
80 Association.

81 16. A representative from the Florida Assisted Living
82 Association.

83 17. An attorney who is a member in good standing of the
84 Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar.

85 18. A representative from the Florida Association of
86 Managing Entities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

114 (7) The task force shall submit a report by December 1,
115 2021, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
116 Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes its
117 findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

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

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