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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1746

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
WAIVER LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
WAIVER LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Developmental
Disabilities Waiver Legislative Task Force.

(a)(1) There is created the Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Legislative Task Force responsible for addressing and finding a cost-
effective and long-term solution for the waiting list of the Alternative
Community Services Waiver Program, commonly known as the "Developmental
Disabilities Waiver".

(2) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff
support for the task force.

(b) The task force is composed of seventeen (17) members, as follows:

(1) Two (2) members to be appointed by the Governor;

(2)(A) Five (5) members of the Senate to be appointed by the
President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(B) Of the members appointed under subdivision (b)(2)(A)
of this section:

(i) At least one (1) of the members shall also be a
member of the Joint Budget Committee;



(ii) At least one (1) of the members shall also be a member of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor; and

(iii) At least one (1) of the members shall also be a member of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Tax;

(3)(A) Five (5) members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(B) Of the members appointed under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this section:

(i) At least one (1) of the members shall also be a member of the Joint Budget Committee;

(ii) At least one (1) of the members shall also be a member of the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor; and

(iii) At least one (1) of the members shall also be a member of the House Committee on Revenue and Tax;

(4) The Director of the Department of Human Services or his or her designee;

(5) The Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services of the Department of Human Services or his or her designee;

(6) The Director of the Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human Services or his or her designee; and

(7) Two (2) members who are employed by the Department of Human Services and designated by the Director of the Department of Human Services.

(c)(1) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate a cochair of the task force.

(2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall call the first meeting of the task force.

(3) The task force shall meet at least quarterly upon the joint call of the cochairs of the task force.

(4) A majority of the membership of the task force constitutes a quorum.

(5) No action may be taken by the task force except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

(d) If a vacancy occurs among the members of the task force, the vacancy shall be filled by the same process as the original appointment.

(e) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting its business.

(f)(1) Nonlegislator members of the task force shall serve without compensation and shall not receive per diem, mileage, or stipends.

(2) Legislator members of the task force shall be entitled to reimbursement for per diem and mileage at the same rate and from the same source as provided by law for members of the General Assembly attending meetings of interim committees.

(3)(A) The task force may be allowed study expenses for the calling of expert witnesses to testify, if the expenditure is approved by the Legislative Council.

(B) If the expenditure is approved, payment shall be made by the Bureau of Legislative Research from the appropriation for interim committee study expenses.

(g) The task force has the following powers and duties:

(1) To assess feasibility and make recommendations for a cost-effective and long-term solution for the waiting list of the Alternative Community Services Waiver Program, commonly known as the "Developmental Disabilities Waiver"; and

(2) To prepare and submit an annual report by December 1 of each year to the Governor and to the Legislative Council.

(h) This section shall expire on December 31, 2019.