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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. BRADLEY of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN, BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENTS AND SURETY BAIL BOND AGENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the regulation of professional bondsmen licensed under
3 chapter 533 of the general statutes, bail enforcement agents licensed
4 under chapter 533a of the general statutes and surety bail bond agents
5 licensed under chapter 700f of the general statutes. Such study shall
6 include, but need not be limited to, (1) an examination of the ways other
7 states regulate bondsmen, bail enforcement agents or surety bail bond
8 agents, and (2) recommendations to achieve greater accountability and
9 oversight of such bondsmen, bail enforcement agents and surety bail
10 bond agents.

11 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,

13 one of whom represents a trade association of national bail insurance
14 companies and one of whom represents professional bondsmen, bail
15 enforcement agents or surety bail bond agents;

16 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
17 whom is a municipal police chief;

18 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
19 Representatives, who is a member of the joint standing committee of the
20 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
21 and security;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a
23 member of the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission
24 established under section 18-87j of the general statutes;

25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives, who is a member of the Criminal Justice Commission
27 established under section 51-275a of the general statutes;

28 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

29 (7) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's designee;

30 (8) The Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's
31 designee; and

32 (9) The Chief Public Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's
33 designee.

34 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
35 (2), (3) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
36 General Assembly.

37 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
38 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
39 be filled by the appointing authority.

40 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro

41 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
 42 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
 43 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
 44 days after the effective date of this section.

45 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
 46 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
 47 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

48 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report
 49 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
 50 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
 51 safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
 52 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
 53 submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes an eleven-member task force to study the regulation of professional bondsmen. Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the public safety and security committee.

The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/18/2021)