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Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO PROTECT SENIOR
CITIZENS FROM FRAUD.***

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 ways to protect senior citizens from fraud. Such study shall
3 include, but need not be limited to, an examination of whether persons
4 offering planning advice to Medicaid applicants should be required to
5 be elder law attorneys admitted to the bar pursuant to section 51-80 of
6 the general statutes.

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

8 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 one of whom has expertise in fraud perpetrated against senior citizens
10 and one of whom has expertise in Medicaid planning for senior citizens;

11 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

12 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
13 Representatives;

- 14 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 15 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
16 Representatives;
- 17 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 18 (7) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the
19 commissioner's designee; and
- 20 (8) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
21 designee.
- 22 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
23 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
24 of the General Assembly.
- 25 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
26 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
27 be filled by the appointing authority.
- 28 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
29 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
30 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
31 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
32 days after the effective date of this section.
- 33 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging shall
35 serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 36 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report
37 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
38 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging
39 and human services, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
40 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date it
41 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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to protect senior citizens from fraud.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]