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Substitute Senate Bill No. 262

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The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. MILLER of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCY ISSUES.

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 issues concerning homemaker-companion agencies, as such
3 agencies are defined in section 20-670 of the general statutes. The study
4 shall include, but not be limited to: (1) Whether any changes are
5 necessary in qualification and registration criteria for such agencies, (2)
6 the system for resolving complaints about such agencies and whether
7 such system is adequate, (3) training and recruitment methods of such
8 agencies and whether any changes are needed in such methods, (4) any
9 requirements for contracts between such agencies and clients that may
10 be necessary to safeguard clients, (5) public awareness and education
11 strategies that may be needed to ensure clients can locate and choose
12 agencies providing quality services, (6) services such agencies are
13 authorized to provide, services such agencies advertise and whether
14 additional limitations are needed on services such agencies may

15 advertise, and (7) best practices nation-wide to ensure quality services
16 by such agencies.

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

18 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
19 one of whom is a client of a homemaker-companion agency, or relative
20 of such client, and one of whom is a representative of a homemaker-
21 companion agency;

22 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
23 whom is a staff member of a homemaker-companion agency and one of
24 whom is a representative of an organization that advocates for the rights
25 of senior citizens;

26 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
27 Representatives;

28 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

29 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
30 Representatives;

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

32 (7) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
33 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, or the
34 chairpersons' designees;

35 (8) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's
36 designee; and

37 (9) The Long-Term Care Ombudsman, appointed pursuant to section
38 17a-405 of the general statutes, or the Long-Term Care Ombudsman's
39 designee.

40 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to
41 (6), inclusive, of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

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

45 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
46 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
47 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
48 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
49 days after the effective date of this section.

50 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
51 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging shall
52 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

53 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report,
54 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
55 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
56 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging
57 and general law. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
58 submits such report or January 1, 2023, 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 Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (c), "subdivisions (1) to (7)" was changed to "subdivisions (1) to (6)" for accuracy.

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a task force to study issues concerning homemaker-companion agencies. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Aging Committee and the General Law Committee by January 1, 2023.

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



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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

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