



General Assembly

February Session, 2022

Raised Bill No. 5391

LCO No. 2651



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH.

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 methods available to this state, and health carriers doing
3 business in this state, to encourage health care providers providing
4 mental health services to participate in provider networks.
- 5 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 6 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 7 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 8 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
9 Representatives;
- 10 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 11 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
12 Representatives;

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

14 (7) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
15 and

16 (8) Two appointed by the Governor.

17 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
18 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
19 of the General Assembly.

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

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

28 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
29 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance
30 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

31 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report
32 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
33 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
34 insurance, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
35 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
36 submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

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

To establish a task force to study methods available to this state, and health carriers doing business in this state, to encourage health care providers providing mental health services to participate in provider networks.

[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.]