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LCO No. 1919



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINES APPLICABLE TO THE 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. Section 1 of special act 21-22 is amended to read as follows
2 (*Effective from passage*):

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

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

13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
14 one of whom represents a trade association of national bail insurance
15 companies and one of whom represents professional bondsmen, bail
16 enforcement agents or surety bail bond agents;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
39 than [thirty days after the effective date of this section] July 1, 2022. Any
40 vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

41 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
42 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
43 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
44 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than
45 [sixty days after the effective date of this section] August 1, 2022.

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

49 (g) Not later than January 1, [2022] 2023, the task force shall submit a
50 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
51 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
52 relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the provisions
53 of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
54 the date that it submits such report or January 1, [2022] 2023, whichever
55 is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	SA 21-22, Sec. 1

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the deadlines for the appointment of members to, first meeting of and report of the task force to study the regulation of professional bondsmen, bail enforcement agents and surety bail bond agents.

[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.]