



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 323**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6587

*House of Representatives, March 30, 2023*

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. GILCHREST of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MEDICAID COVERAGE OF DIAPERS AND OTHER HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) There is established a task force to  
2 study Medicaid coverage of health-related social needs to the maximum  
3 extent permissible under federal law. The task force shall develop a plan  
4 that: (1) Includes options to use Medicaid funding to support the  
5 development of public and private sector administrative infrastructure  
6 necessary to enable coverage and payment for services to ameliorate  
7 health-related social needs, (2) specifies the process to seek federal  
8 approval for services that address health-related social needs including,  
9 but not limited to, any necessary state plan amendments or federal  
10 waivers from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,  
11 and (3) describes how the proposed coverage will impact performance  
12 on prevention and clinical outcome measures recommended by the  
13 Advisory Board for Transparency on Medicaid Cost and Quality  
14 established pursuant to Executive Order No. 6 of Governor Ned

15 Lamont. For purposes of this subsection, "health-related social needs"  
16 means health needs deriving from adverse social conditions that  
17 contribute to poor health and health disparities, including, but not  
18 limited to, diaper insecurity, food insecurity, housing instability or lack  
19 of reliable transportation.

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

21 (1) Three appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
22 who shall be one representative each from an organization that provides  
23 diapers to needy individuals in the state, a state organization  
24 representing hospitals and a hospital participating in a state-wide  
25 diaper distribution model program that includes distribution of diapers  
26 in hospital settings;

27 (2) Three appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
28 shall be one representative each from an organization addressing  
29 homelessness and housing instability state-wide, a community action  
30 agency and an organization providing nonemergency medical  
31 transportation services;

32 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
33 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative with experience  
34 in nutrition counseling and education and one of whom shall be a  
35 representative with experience in delivering medically tailored meals,  
36 fruit and vegetable prescriptions or protein-rich food products to  
37 individuals with certain chronic health conditions;

38 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom  
39 shall be a representative from an organization that provides rental  
40 assistance or temporary housing and one of whom shall be a  
41 representative from an organization assisting tenants and prospective  
42 tenants;

43 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
44 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative from an  
45 organization providing housing transition navigation services and one

46 of whom shall be a representative from a local housing agency or public  
47 housing authority;

48 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom  
49 shall be a representative from the United Way 2-1-1 Infoline system and  
50 one of whom shall be a representative from an organization focused on  
51 health equity;

52 (7) The director of the Medicaid program for the Department of Social  
53 Services;

54 (8) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;

55 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
56 designee; and

57 (10) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee.

58 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to  
59 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
60 General Assembly.

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

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

69 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
70 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
71 services shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

72 (g) Not later than January 15, 2024, the task force shall submit a report  
73 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
74 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

75 human services and public health, in accordance with the provisions of  
76 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on  
77 the date that it submits such report or January 15, 2024, whichever is  
78 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

The effective date was changed to July 1, 2023, for accuracy.

**HS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which establishes a taskforce to study Medicaid coverage of health-related social needs and report by January 15, 2024, has no fiscal impact as the task force has the expertise necessary to meet the requirements of the bill.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 1 (03/16/2023)