



# House of Representatives

**File No. 726**

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File No. 323)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6587  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 5, 2023

**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 from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study Medicaid coverage of health-related social needs to the  
3 maximum extent permissible under federal law. The task force shall  
4 develop a plan that: (1) Includes options to use Medicaid funding to  
5 support the development of public and private sector administrative  
6 infrastructure necessary to enable coverage and payment for services to  
7 ameliorate health-related social needs, (2) specifies the process to seek  
8 federal approval for services that address health-related social needs  
9 including, but not limited to, any necessary state plan amendments or  
10 federal waivers from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
11 Services, and (3) describes how the proposed coverage will impact  
12 performance on prevention and clinical outcome measures  
13 recommended by the Advisory Board for Transparency on Medicaid

14 Cost and Quality established pursuant to Executive Order No. 6 of  
15 Governor Ned Lamont. For purposes of this subsection, "health-related  
16 social needs" means health needs deriving from adverse social  
17 conditions that contribute to poor health and health disparities,  
18 including, but not limited to, diaper insecurity, food insecurity, housing  
19 instability or lack of reliable transportation.

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

21 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
22 one of whom shall be a representative from an organization that  
23 provides diapers to needy individuals in the state and one of whom  
24 shall be a representative of a state organization representing hospitals;

25 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of  
26 whom shall be a representative of an organization addressing  
27 homelessness and housing instability state wide and one of whom shall  
28 be a representative of a community action agency;

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

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

40 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
41 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative from an  
42 organization providing housing transition navigation services and one  
43 of whom shall be a representative from a local housing agency or public  
44 housing authority;

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

49 (7) One appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing  
50 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
51 relating to human services, who shall be a representative of a hospital  
52 participating in a state-wide diaper distribution model program that  
53 includes distribution of diapers in hospital settings;

54 (8) One appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing  
55 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
56 relating to human services, who shall be a representative of an  
57 organization providing nonemergency medical transportation services;

58 (9) The director of the Medicaid program for the Department of Social  
59 Services;

60 (10) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;

61 (11) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
62 designee; and

63 (12) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee.

64 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to  
65 (8), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
66 General Assembly.

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

70 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
71 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
72 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
73 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty

74 days after the effective date of this section.

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

78 (g) Not later than January 15, 2024, the task force shall submit a report  
79 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
80 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
81 human services and public health, in accordance with the provisions of  
82 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on  
83 the date that it submits such report or January 15, 2024, whichever is  
84 later.

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

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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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.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6587 (as amended by House "A")**

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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)