



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6007

LCO No. 5448



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VETERANS.

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 mental health services for veterans. Such study shall include, but
3 need not be limited to, an examination of the availability of such services
4 in the state, the feasibility of expanding such services and any research
5 or other information concerning the therapeutic efficacy of such
6 services.

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

8 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

10 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
11 Representatives;

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

13 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
14 Representatives;

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

16 (7) The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, or the commissioner's
17 designee;

18 (8) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
19 the commissioner's designee; and

20 (9) Two appointed by the Governor.

21 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
22 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
23 of the General Assembly.

24 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
25 than August 1, 2023. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
26 authority.

27 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
28 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
29 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
30 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than
31 September 1, 2023.

32 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
33 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans'
34 and military affairs shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

35 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report
36 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
37 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans'
38 and military affairs, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
39 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
40 submits such report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study mental health services for veterans and make recommendations for expansion of such services.

[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.]

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