



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM.

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 and make recommendations concerning the elderly nutrition
3 program administered by the Department of Aging and Disability
4 Services. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, a review
5 of the (1) eligibility requirements for the program, (2) types of meals
6 provided, (3) costs of the meal preparation and delivery, (4) number of
7 participants in the program compared to the estimated number of
8 persons in need of nutritional services, (5) adequacy of funding levels,
9 and (6) process for contracting with providers of elderly nutrition
10 services.

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

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
13 who shall be representatives of area agencies on aging;

14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
15 who shall be a representative of an area agency on aging and one who
16 shall be an elderly nutrition provider who represents a community
17 action agency;

18 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
19 Representatives, who shall be an elderly nutrition provider who
20 represents a community action agency;

21 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
22 an elderly nutrition provider who represents a state association of
23 nutrition and aging service providers;

24 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
25 Representatives, who shall be an elderly nutrition provider who
26 represents a state association of nutrition and aging service providers;

27 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
28 a senior citizen who receives meals through the elderly nutrition
29 program;

30 (7) The House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
31 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
32 services, or the House chairperson's designee;

33 (8) The Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
35 services, or the Senate chairperson's designee;

36 (9) The House ranking member of the joint standing committee of
37 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
38 services, or the House ranking member's designee;

39 (10) The Senate ranking member of the joint standing committee of
40 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
41 services, or the Senate ranking member's designee;

42 (11) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the
43 commissioner's designee; and

44 (12) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
45 designee.

46 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)
47 to (10), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of
48 the General Assembly.

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

52 (e) The House chairperson and the Senate chairperson of the joint
53 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
54 matters relating to human services, or their designees, shall be
55 chairpersons of the task force. The chairpersons shall schedule the first
56 meeting of the task force not later than August 1, 2023.

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

60 (g) Not later than January 15, 2024, the task force shall submit a
61 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
62 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
63 relating to aging and human services, in accordance with the
64 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
65 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 15, 2024,
66 whichever is later.

67 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of two million dollars is
68 appropriated to the Department of Aging and Disability Services from
69 the General Fund, in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and
70 June 30, 2025, for the elderly nutrition program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

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