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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

46 housing authority;

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

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

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

60 (9) The director of the Medicaid program for the Department of Social
61 Services;

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

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

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

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

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

72 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
73 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from

74 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
75 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
76 days after the effective date of this section.

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

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

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