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Substitute Senate Bill No. 246

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The Committee on Aging reported through SEN. HOCHADEL of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY TEMPORARY NURSING SERVICES PROVIDED TO NURSING HOME FACILITIES.

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 temporary nursing services provided to nursing home facilities
3 in the state. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an
4 examination of (1) the prevalence of the use of temporary nursing
5 services agencies by nursing home facilities over the preceding four-
6 year period, including, but not limited to, an analysis of any change in
7 the prevalence of such use; (2) the cost of temporary nursing services to
8 nursing home facilities, including, but not limited to, the average cost of
9 a temporary nurse to a nursing home facility and the average wage paid
10 to a temporary nurse by a temporary nursing services agency; and (3)
11 the feasibility of establishing a maximum rate for temporary nursing
12 services provided by a temporary nursing services agency to a nursing
13 home facility, including, but not limited to, an analysis of any
14 unintended consequences that may occur due to the establishment of

15 such a rate.

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

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

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

19 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
20 Representatives;

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

22 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
23 Representatives;

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

25 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
26 designee.

27 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
28 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
29 of the General Assembly.

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

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

38 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
39 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging shall
40 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

41 (g) Not later than January 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a report

42 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
43 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging
44 and public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
45 the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
46 submits such report or January 1, 2025, whichever is later.

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

AGE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study temporary nursing services provided to nursing home facilities in the state, which does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities as it is anticipated that Aging Committee administrative staff will be able to support the activities of the task force.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

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