



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 259**

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Senate Bill No. 319

*Senate, April 4, 2024*

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. LESSER of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE NEED FOR ADULT CHANGING STATIONS IN PUBLIC FACILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "adult  
2 changing station" means an enclosed, private area within a public  
3 restroom containing a table that may be height adjustable and is either  
4 floor or wall mounted with a safety rail for use by an adult with a  
5 physical disability who requires assistance with personal hygiene. There  
6 is established a task force to study the need for adult changing stations.

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

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
9 who has expertise in the needs of adults with physical disabilities;

10 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
11 has expertise in the law concerning public accommodations for persons  
12 with physical disabilities;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
14 Representatives;

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

16 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
17 Representatives;

18 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

19 (7) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the  
20 commissioner's designee;

21 (8) The state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator, or the  
22 coordinator's designee;

23 (9) The State Building Inspector, or the State Building Inspector's  
24 designee; and

25 (10) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the  
26 commissioner's 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 human  
40 services shall 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 committee of  
43 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
44 services, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
45 general statutes. The report shall include a survey of other states with  
46 adult changing stations, whether and where such stations are mandated  
47 and possible funding sources to install such stations. The task force shall  
48 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2025,  
49 whichever is later.

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

**HS**      *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill creates a task force to study the need for adult changing stations in public facilities. There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state or municipalities to establish such a task force as the task force members have expertise in the subject area. The administrative staff of the Human Services committee will serve as task force administrative staff.

**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**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

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