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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***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

Statement of Purpose:

To study the need for private adult changing stations for persons with disabilities who require assistance with personal hygiene.

[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.]