

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services.

HB23-1160 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 3, strike line 1 and substitute "**written notice**
2 **- definitions.**".
- 3 Page 3, strike line 2.
- 4 Page 3, strike line 8 and substitute "FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR AN INCIDENT
5 OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY A COUNTY DEPARTMENT."
- 6 Page 3, strike lines 9 through 11 and substitute:
7 **"(2) Written notice of opportunity for appeal. A".**
- 8 Page 3, line 12, strike "STATE" and substitute "COUNTY".
- 9 Page 3, line 12, after "NOTICE" insert "PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-3-313.5
10 (3)".
- 11 Page 3, strike lines 13 through 15 and substitute "THE OPPORTUNITY TO
12 APPEAL AND HAVE A HEARING. THE WRITTEN NOTICE MUST BE SENT".
- 13 Page 3, line 18, strike "STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUED ITS FINDINGS." and
14 substitute "COUNTY DEPARTMENT ENTERED ITS FINDINGS. IF THE PERSON
15 IS A MINOR, THE WRITTEN NOTICE MUST BE SENT TO THE MINOR, THE
16 MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, AND ANY GUARDIAN AD LITEM OR
17 COUNSEL FOR YOUTH, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-91-103, APPOINTED IN A
18 DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT, CRIMINAL, OR DELINQUENCY CASE. IF THE
19 PERSON IS ENROLLED IN THE FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM
20 PURSUANT TO PART 3 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 19, THE WRITTEN NOTICE
21 MUST BE SENT TO ANY GUARDIAN AD LITEM OR COUNSEL FOR YOUTH
22 ASSIGNED TO THE YOUTH."
- 23 Page 3, line 20, strike "(I)" and substitute "(a)".
- 24 Page 3, line 21, strike "(A)" and substitute "(I)".
- 25 Page 3, line 22, strike "(B)" and substitute "(II)".
- 26 Page 3, line 24, strike "(C)" and substitute "(III)".
- 27 Page 3, line 27, strike "(D)" and substitute "(IV)".

- 1 Page 4, line 3, strike "(E)" and substitute "(V)".
- 2 Page 4, line 5, strike "(F)" and substitute "(VI)".
- 3 Page 4, line 8, strike "(G)" and substitute "(VII)".
- 4 Page 4, line 10, strike "(H)" and substitute "(VIII)".
- 5 Page 4, line 12, strike "(I)" and substitute "(IX)".
- 6 Page 4, line 14, strike "(J)" and substitute "(X)".
- 7 Page 4, line 20, strike "(K)" and substitute "(XI)".
- 8 Page 4, strike lines 22 through 25.
- 9 Page 4, line 26, strike "(III)" and substitute "(b)".
- 10 Page 5, line 1, strike "SYSTEM;" and substitute "SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO ANY
11 REDACTIONS REQUIRED BY LAW;".
- 12 Page 5, line 2, strike "(IV) A" and substitute "(c) INFORMATION ABOUT
13 HOW THE PERSON MAY OBTAIN A".
- 14 Page 5, line 3, strike "AND".
- 15 Page 5, strike lines 4 through 6 and substitute:
- 16 "(d) INFORMATION ABOUT THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD".
- 17 Page 5, line 7, strike "19-3.3-102." and substitute "19-3.3-102; AND
18 (e) INFORMATION ABOUT THE OFFICE OF RESPONDENT PARENTS'
19 COUNSEL CREATED IN SECTION 13-92-103.".
- 20 Page 5, strike lines 8 through 17 and substitute:
- 21 "(3) **Background checks.** FOR EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER
22 PURPOSES, A BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH THE AUTOMATED CHILD
23 WELFARE SYSTEM MAY ONLY BE CONDUCTED AND RELEASED PURSUANT
24 TO SECTIONS 19-1-307, 26.5-5-316, AND 26-6-705 FOR A PERSON SEEKING
25 EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEERING IN A ROLE THAT REQUIRES THE CARE,
26 TREATMENT, OR SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN, OR UNSUPERVISED CONTACT
27 WITH CHILDREN.".

1 Page 6, line 6, strike "COUNSEL." and substitute "COUNSEL, IF DESIRED.
2 COUNSEL IS ONLY APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION."

3 Page 6, strike line 12 and substitute "COUNSEL. IF COUNSEL FOR YOUTH
4 HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE YOUTH IN A DEPENDENCY AND
5 NEGLECT OR FOSTER YOUTH IN TRANSITION PROGRAM CASE THROUGH THE
6 OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
7 13-91-102, THE YOUTH'S COUNSEL FOR YOUTH MAY CONTINUE
8 REPRESENTING THE YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE HEARING REQUESTED
9 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION IF APPROVED BY THE
10 OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE. IF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IS
11 APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PERSON IN A
12 DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT, CRIMINAL, OR DELINQUENCY CASE THROUGH
13 THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE, THE PERSON'S GUARDIAN AD
14 LITEM MAY CONTINUE REPRESENTING THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PERSON
15 THROUGHOUT THE HEARING REQUESTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF
16 THIS SECTION IF APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S
17 REPRESENTATIVE."

18 Page 6, line 22, strike "UPON, AT A MINIMUM," and substitute "UPON".

19 Page 6, strike lines 23 through 27.

20 Page 7, strike lines 1 through 17.

21 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

22 Page 7, line 19, strike "AGE." and substitute "AGE, OR AGAINST A PERSON
23 WHO IS THIRTEEN TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE UNLESS THE PERSON IS A
24 PARENT OF THE ALLEGED VICTIM OR THE LEVEL OF THE FINDING IS SEVERE,
25 EGREGIOUS, NEAR-FATAL, OR FATAL."

26 Page 7, strike lines 20 through 27.

27 Page 8, strike lines 1 through 16 and substitute:

28 "(5) **Rules.** NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2024, THE STATE BOARD, IN
29 COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S
30 REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE OFFICE OF RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL,
31 SHALL PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
32 SECTION AND TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS AND EFFICIENCY IN THE APPEALS
33 PROCESS.

34 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 19-3-313.7 as

1 follows:

2 **19-3-313.7. Automated child welfare system task force -**
3 **membership - recommendations - legislative declaration - repeal.**
4 **(1) Legislative declaration.** (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND
5 DECLARES THAT:

6 (I) THE COLORADO AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, KNOWN
7 AS THE "TRAILS SYSTEM", IS A CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM USED BY
8 TRAINED CHILD WELFARE CASEWORKERS TO MANAGE INFORMATION IN
9 ORDER TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT;

10 (II) WHEN A PERSON IN COLORADO IS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR
11 CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN OR
12 SOCIAL SERVICES, A FINDING IS ENTERED INTO THE TRAILS SYSTEM,
13 WHICH OCCURS SEPARATELY FROM ANY COURT PROCESS;

14 (III) A TRAILS SYSTEM BACKGROUND CHECK CAN ONLY BE
15 CONDUCTED AND RELEASED FOR A PERSON SEEKING EMPLOYMENT OR
16 VOLUNTEERING IN A ROLE THAT REQUIRES THE CARE, TREATMENT, OR
17 SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN, OR UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH CHILDREN;

18 (IV) CHILD ABUSE RECORDS AND REPORTS PROVIDE PROTECTION
19 TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN COLORADO; HOWEVER, WHEN A PERSON
20 HAS NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTEST A FINDING OF CHILD ABUSE
21 OR NEGLECT, IT CAN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; AND

22 (V) EQUITABLE ACCESS, INCLUDING ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL,
23 AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE APPEALS PROCESS IS A PRIORITY TO THOSE
24 PROVIDING AND RECEIVING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

25 (b) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT IT IS
26 NECESSARY TO CREATE A TASK FORCE THAT CONSISTS OF PEOPLE WITH
27 EXPERIENCE IN OR KNOWLEDGE OF CHILD WELFARE POLICIES AND
28 PROCEDURES TO EXAMINE CURRENT RULES AND STATUTES GOVERNING
29 FINDINGS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
30 THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON POTENTIAL
31 ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO SUPPORT DUE PROCESS,
32 FAIRNESS, AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE APPEALS PROCESS.

33 **(2) Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
34 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

35 (a) "AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM" MEANS THE STATE
36 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM
37 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 19-3-313.3, KNOWN AS THE "TRAILS SYSTEM".

38 (b) "BACKGROUND CHECK" MEANS ANY CHECK OF THE
39 AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER
40 PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 19-1-307, 26.5-5-316, AND 26-6-705.

41 (c) "PERSON" MEANS A PERSON, INCLUDING A CHILD OR YOUTH,
42 SUSPECTED OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

43 (d) "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE

1 SYSTEM TASK FORCE CREATED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

2 (3) **Automated child welfare system task force.** (a) THERE IS
3 CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN,
4 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-3.3-102, THE AUTOMATED CHILD
5 WELFARE SYSTEM TASK FORCE TO ANALYZE CURRENT STATUTES, RULES,
6 AND PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING, RELEASING, AND APPEALING A FINDING
7 OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

8 (b) THE TASK FORCE SHALL FOCUS ON SERVING UNDER-RESOURCED
9 COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
10 WHO ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
11 OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. THE TASK FORCE MAY MAKE FINDINGS
12 AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE GOVERNOR,
13 AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
14 CHANGES TO UPDATE THE PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING, RELEASING, AND
15 APPEALING FINDINGS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT IN ORDER TO CREATE
16 AN EQUITABLE SYSTEM FOR ALL COLORADO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN,
17 INCLUDING HOW TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FINDINGS OF CHILD
18 ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN PROTECTING CHILDREN AND HOW TO MITIGATE
19 THE IMPACT OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FINDINGS ON
20 UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND PERSONS
21 WITH DISABILITIES.

22 (4) **Membership.** (a) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE
23 FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

24 (I) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN, AS DESCRIBED IN
25 SECTION 19-3.3-102, OR THE OMBUDSMAN'S DESIGNEE;

26 (II) TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
27 SERVICES, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT
28 OF HUMAN SERVICES;

29 (III) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S
30 REPRESENTATIVE CREATED IN SECTION 13-91-104, APPOINTED BY THE
31 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD'S REPRESENTATIVE;

32 (IV) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE RESPONDENT
33 PARENTS' COUNSEL CREATED IN SECTION 13-92-103, APPOINTED BY THE
34 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE RESPONDENT PARENTS' COUNSEL;

35 (V) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,
36 APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION
37 REPRESENTING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS;

38 (VI) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY
39 CHILDHOOD, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
40 DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD;

41 (VII) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE
42 ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND
43 ADMINISTRATION, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE

1 DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION;
2 (VIII) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CHILD
3 PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN:
4 (A) TWO MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT A COUNTY DEPARTMENT, ONE
5 FROM AN URBAN COUNTY AND ONE FROM A RURAL COUNTY;
6 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A COUNTY ATTORNEY REPRESENTING
7 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS;
8 (C) ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE PROVIDING KINSHIP CARE OR
9 AS A FOSTER PARENT;
10 (D) ONE MEMBER FROM A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
11 REPRESENTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES;
12 (E) THREE MEMBERS REPRESENTING INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED
13 EXPERIENCE WITH THE STATE'S ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS PROCESS;
14 (F) ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION
15 SERVING OR REPRESENTING VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS;
16 (G) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDER, AS
17 DEFINED IN SECTION 26.5-5-303 (4);
18 (H) ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN ATTORNEY WITH EXPERIENCE
19 REPRESENTING CLIENTS IN APPEALS BEFORE AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
20 JUDGE; AND
21 (I) ONE MEMBER WHO IS A CURRENT OR FORMER LICENSED SOCIAL
22 WORKER WITH EXPERIENCE CONDUCTING CHILD WELFARE ASSESSMENTS.
23 (b) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS WHO
24 REPRESENT DIVERSE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS, RACE AND ETHNICITY,
25 GENDER, RELIGION, LIVED EXPERIENCE WITH THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM,
26 AND SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS.
27 (c) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL MAKE THE
28 APPOINTMENTS NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2023. THE TERM OF THE
29 APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE DURATION OF THE TASK FORCE. THE APPOINTING
30 AUTHORITIES SHALL FILL ANY VACANCY SUBJECT TO THE SAME
31 QUALIFICATIONS AS THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT.
32 (d) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN, OR THE OMBUDSMAN'S
33 DESIGNEE, IS THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE. AT THE TASK FORCE'S FIRST
34 MEETING, THE TASK FORCE SHALL SELECT A VICE-CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS
35 MEMBERS. THE CHAIR AND THE VICE-CHAIR SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF
36 THE TASK FORCE.
37 (e) THE CHILD PROTECTION OMBUDSMAN SHALL CONVENE THE
38 FIRST MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.
39 THE TASK FORCE SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EVERY MONTH UNTIL THE
40 TASK FORCE SUBMITS ITS FINAL REPORT AND AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR
41 AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE TASK FORCE'S DUTIES. THE TASK FORCE
42 MAY MEET ELECTRONICALLY. THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD PROTECTION
43 OMBUDSMAN SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT AS NECESSARY FOR THE

1 TASK FORCE TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES.

2 (5) **Task force recommendations.** (a) THE TASK FORCE SHALL,
3 AT A MINIMUM, ANALYZE:

4 (I) WHETHER A STUDY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE THE
5 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CURRENT PROCESS FOR MAKING, ENTERING,
6 APPEALING, AND RELEASING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FINDINGS AND
7 DETERMINE THE NECESSARY FUNDING FOR SUCH A STUDY;

8 (II) THE SUFFICIENCY OF STATEWIDE DATA THAT MEASURES
9 QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE EXPERIENCES OF PERSONS FOUND
10 RESPONSIBLE BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT;

11 (III) THE COMPREHENSIVENESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING
12 RULES AND STATUTES IN ENSURING TIMELINESS AND DUE PROCESS UNDER
13 THE CURRENT PROCESS FOR APPEALING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
14 FINDINGS;

15 (IV) NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES; AND

16 (V) IN CONSULTATION WITH ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDERS AS
17 NEEDED, ADDRESS ALL ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS NECESSARY TO FINALIZE
18 THE TASK FORCE'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

19 (b) THE TASK FORCE SHALL DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS
20 REGARDING:

21 (I) OPTIONS TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION TO ALL INDIGENT
22 PERSONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
23 FINDINGS;

24 (II) OPTIONS TO IMPROVE ACCESS, EDUCATION, AND ACCESSIBILITY
25 TO APPEALS RELATED TO CHILD ABUSE AND; AND

26 (III) WHEN A FINDING SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE AUTOMATED
27 CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM OR RELEASED DURING A BACKGROUND CHECK OF
28 A PERSON.

29 (c) THE TASK FORCE MAY DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS AT ITS
30 DISCRETION CONCERNING:

31 (I) STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES FOR ENSURING DUE
32 PROCESS IN APPEALS OR REVIEW OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FINDINGS
33 AND THE USE OF SUCH FINDINGS FOR BACKGROUND CHECK PURPOSES;

34 (II) RESOURCES NECESSARY TO IMPROVE OR FACILITATE
35 COMMUNICATION EFFORTS OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE STATE
36 DEPARTMENT WITH PERSONS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR ABUSE AND
37 NEGLECT;

38 (III) WHETHER CERTAIN LEVELS OF SEVERITY OR TYPES OF
39 FINDINGS SHOULD NOT BE REPORTED ON BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR
40 PERSONS BEING CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEER
41 OPPORTUNITIES WORKING WITH CHILDREN; AND

42 (IV) BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES, AND
43 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY CHANGES.

1 (d) IN CARRYING OUT THIS SUBSECTION (5), THE TASK FORCE
2 SHALL CONSIDER:

3 (I) THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE
4 CONSTITUTION, CASE LAW, STATUTES, RULES, PRACTICES, AND STANDARDS
5 THAT GOVERN THE DETERMINATION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
6 FINDINGS;

7 (II) BEST PRACTICES FOLLOWED IN OTHER STATES OR
8 RECOMMENDED BY NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE EXPERTS TO PROMOTE DUE
9 PROCESS, POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR FAMILIES, TRANSPARENCY, AND
10 SAFETY FOR CHILDREN;

11 (III) FEDERAL GUIDANCE; AND

12 (IV) JUVENILE CODES AND RULES FROM OTHER STATES
13 IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES.

14 (e) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE TASK FORCE
15 WITH COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT PROCESS FOR
16 ASSESSMENTS, APPEALS, AND THE RELEASE OF RECORDS, INCLUDING A
17 GLOSSARY OF SPECIFIC TERMS TO AIDE IN THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING
18 OF THE PROCESSES.

19 (6) **Report.** (a) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2023, THE TASK
20 FORCE SHALL SUBMIT A FIRST-YEAR STATUS REPORT ADDRESSING, AT A
21 MINIMUM, RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO ENSURE ACCESS TO COUNSEL
22 FOR INDIGENT PERSONS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND
23 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
24 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR
25 COMMITTEES. THE FIRST-YEAR STATUS REPORT MUST INCLUDE A
26 SUMMARY OF THE TASK FORCE'S WORK AND THE TASK FORCE'S INITIAL
27 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IF AVAILABLE.

28 (b) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, THE TASK FORCE SHALL
29 SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC AND
30 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
31 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR
32 COMMITTEES, THAT INCLUDES A SUMMARY OF THE TASK FORCE'S WORK
33 AND THE TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATIONS, IF APPLICABLE.

34 (7) **Repeal.** THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2025.

35 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
36 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
37 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety."

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