

ASSEMBLY, No. 2461

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “Natural Health and Vitality Task Force.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning natural health.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. a. There is established a task force to be known as the
7 “Natural Health and Vitality Task Force.” The purpose of the task
8 force shall be to develop wellness programs and public policy
9 regarding natural health and vitality.

10 b. The task force shall consist of nine members as follows: the
11 Commissioner of Health, ex officio, or a designee, and eight public
12 members who shall include at least: one naturopathic practitioner,
13 one chiropractor, one psychologist, and one nutritionist.
14 Naturopathic practitioners, chiropractors, psychologists, or
15 nutritionists who have been appointed to the task force shall have
16 actively engaged in their respective practice for at least five years
17 immediately preceding their appointment to the task force. The
18 eight public members shall be appointed by the Governor, four of
19 whom shall be appointed by the Governor upon the
20 recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly, and four
21 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor upon the
22 recommendation of the President of the Senate.

23 c. The members of the task force shall serve without
24 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses
25 incurred in the performance of their duties to the extent that such
26 funds are made available for that purpose.

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28 2. a. The task force shall organize within 45 days after the
29 appointment of the eight public members and shall select a
30 chairperson from among the public members. The task force shall
31 meet at the call of the chairperson.

32 b. The Department of Health shall provide professional and
33 clerical staff to the task force as may be necessary for the task
34 force’s purposes. The task force shall also be entitled to call to its
35 assistance and avail itself of the services of the employees of any
36 State department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it may
37 require and as may be available for its purposes, and to employ
38 stenographic and clerical assistance.

39 c. Five members of the task shall constitute a quorum for the
40 transaction of official business.

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42 3. The task force shall develop public policies concerning: the
43 principles and science of natural health and vitality; the benefits of
44 practicing lifestyle-based natural health and vitality activities; how
45 to find local natural health and vitality practitioners; when natural
46 health and vitality is an appropriate alternative or supplement to
47 allopathy; and the education, qualifications, and training of natural
48 health and vitality practitioners. The task force shall establish

1 wellness programs concerning: the keys to optimal body function;
2 healthy nutrition; proper exercise; rest; movement; immunity;
3 longevity; a proactive approach to improved quality of life;
4 chiropractors; certified personal trainers; massage therapists;
5 acupuncture; reiki masters; certified clinical nutritionists; and
6 psychologists. The task force shall study and develop
7 recommendations for legislative action, if deemed appropriate, to
8 address these issues.

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10 4. The task force shall, no later than one year after the task
11 force's initial organizational meeting, issue a report containing its
12 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, pursuant to
13 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature,
14 which report shall include any recommendations for legislative or
15 regulatory action.

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17 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire 30
18 days after the issuance of the task force's report as required
19 pursuant to section 4 of this act.

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STATEMENT

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24 This bill establishes the "Natural Health and Vitality Task Force"
25 (task force).

26 Under the bill, the purpose of the task force is to develop
27 wellness programs and public policy regarding natural health and
28 vitality. Specifically, the task force is to develop public policies
29 concerning: the principles and science of natural health and vitality;
30 the benefits of practicing lifestyle-based natural health and vitality
31 activities; how to find local natural health and vitality practitioners;
32 when natural health and vitality is an appropriate alternative or
33 supplement to allopathy; and the education, qualifications, and
34 training of natural health and vitality practitioners. The task force
35 is to establish wellness programs concerning: the keys to optimal
36 body function; healthy nutrition; proper exercise; rest; movement;
37 immunity; longevity; a proactive approach to improved quality of
38 life; chiropractors; certified personal trainers; massage therapists;
39 acupuncture; reiki masters; certified clinical nutritionists; and
40 psychologists. The task force is to study and develop
41 recommendations for legislative action, if deemed appropriate, to
42 address these issues.

43 The task force will consist of the Commissioner of Health and
44 eight public members who are to include at least: one naturopathic
45 practitioner, one chiropractor, one psychologist, and one
46 nutritionist. Naturopathic practitioners, chiropractors,
47 psychologists, or nutritionists who have been appointed to the task
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2 force. The eight public members are to be appointed by the
3 Governor, four of whom are to be appointed by the Governor upon
4 the recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly, and
5 four of whom are to be appointed by the Governor upon the
6 recommendation of the President of the Senate.

7 The bill provides that the task force is to organize within 45 days
8 after the appointment of the eight public members. The Department
9 of Health is to provide professional and clerical staff to the task
10 force as may be necessary for the task force's purposes.

11 The bill provides that the task force is to issue a report
12 containing its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to
13 the Legislature, including any recommendations for legislative or
14 regulatory action no later than one year after the task force's initial
15 organizational meeting. The task force is to expire 30 days after the
16 issuance of the task force's report.