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SYNOPSIS

Establishes NJ Task Force on Coordination Among Nonprofit Social Service Organizations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** establishing the New Jersey Task Force on Coordination
2 Among Nonprofit Social Service Organizations.

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

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7 1. There is established the New Jersey Task Force on
8 Coordination Among Nonprofit Social Service Organizations.

9 The purpose of the task force shall be to develop
10 recommendations, through collaboration among representatives of
11 State government and social service organizations in the State, to
12 support efforts to effectively coordinate and streamline services
13 provided by social service organizations in the State by:

- 14 a. promoting shared services to reduce administrative costs;
15 b. forming alliances among social service organizations to
16 eliminate duplication of services; and
17 c. establishing procedures for the uniform reporting of
18 expenditures by social service organizations to policy makers and
19 the public.

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21 2. a. The task force shall consist of 17 members, as follows:

22 (1) the Commissioners of Children and Families, Community
23 Affairs, Health, and Human Services, or their designees, who shall
24 serve ex officio;

25 (2) five public members appointed by the Governor as follows:
26 one representative each from the Center for Non-Profit
27 Corporations; the Area Agencies on Aging; a Statewide social
28 service organization offering women's support services; a Statewide
29 social service organization providing services to persons with adult
30 onset disabilities; and a Statewide social service organization
31 offering emergency food and nutrition services;

32 (3) three public members appointed by the President of the
33 Senate as follows: one representative each from the National
34 Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey; the New Jersey Coalition
35 to End Domestic Violence; and a Statewide social service
36 organization offering substance abuse treatment and prevention
37 services;

38 (4) three public members appointed by the Speaker of the
39 General Assembly as follows: one representative each from The Arc
40 of New Jersey; the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of
41 New Jersey; and a Statewide organization providing environmental
42 advocacy services; and

43 (5) two public members as follows: one appointed by the
44 Minority Leader of the Senate who is a representative of a
45 Statewide social service organization providing services to the
46 homeless; and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the General
47 Assembly who is a representative from a Statewide organization
48 advocating for the arts.

1 Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in
2 the same manner provided for the original appointments.

3 b. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable
4 following the appointment of its members and shall select a
5 chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the members of the
6 task force. The task force shall appoint a secretary who need not be
7 a member of the task force.

8 c. The public members shall serve without compensation, but
9 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
10 performance of their duties and within the limits of funds available
11 to the task force.

12 d. The task force shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
13 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or
14 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it
15 may require and as may be available to it for its purposes.

16 e. The task force may meet and hold hearings at the places it
17 designates during the sessions or recesses of the Legislature.

18 f. The School of Social Work of Rutgers, The State University
19 of New Jersey shall provide professional and clerical staff services
20 to the task force.

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22 3. The task force shall report to the Governor and, pursuant to
23 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature no
24 later than 12 months after the initial meeting of the task force, on its
25 findings and recommendations concerning efforts to effectively
26 coordinate and streamline services provided by social service
27 organizations in the State.

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29 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
30 the issuance of the task force report.

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STATEMENT

35 This bill establishes the New Jersey Task Force on Coordination
36 Among Nonprofit Social Service Organizations.

37 The purpose of the task force is to develop recommendations,
38 through collaboration among representatives of State government
39 and social service organizations in the State, to support efforts to
40 effectively coordinate and streamline services provided by social
41 service organizations in the State by:

- 42 ● promoting shared services to reduce administrative costs;
- 43 ● forming alliances among social service organizations to
44 eliminate duplication of services; and
- 45 ● establishing procedures for the uniform reporting of
46 expenditures by social service organizations to policy
47 makers and the public.

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1 Under the provisions of the bill, the task force shall consist of 17
2 members as follows:

- 3 ● the Commissioners of Children and Families, Community
4 Affairs, Health, and Human Services, or their designees, as
5 ex officio members; and
- 6 ● 13 public members as follows:
 - 7 -- five of whom shall be appointed by the Governor and include
8 one representative each from the Center for Non-Profit
9 Corporations, the Area Agencies on Aging, a Statewide social
10 service organization offering women's support services, a Statewide
11 social service organization providing services to people with adult
12 onset disabilities; and a Statewide social service organization
13 offering emergency food and nutrition services;
 - 14 -- three of whom shall be appointed by the President of the
15 Senate and include one representative each from the National
16 Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey, the New Jersey Coalition
17 to End Domestic Violence, and a Statewide social service
18 organization offering substance abuse treatment and prevention
19 services;
 - 20 -- three of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
21 General Assembly and include one representative each from The
22 Arc of New Jersey, the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
23 of New Jersey, and a Statewide organization providing
24 environmental advocacy services;
 - 25 -- one appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate who is a
26 representative from a Statewide social service organization
27 providing services to the homeless; and
 - 28 -- one appointed by the Minority Leader of the General
29 Assembly who is a representative from a Statewide organization
30 advocating for the arts.

31 Lastly, the task force shall report to the Governor and the
32 Legislature no later than 12 months after the initial meeting on its
33 findings and recommendations concerning efforts to effectively
34 coordinate and streamline services provided by social service
35 organizations in the State. The task force shall dissolve upon the
36 issuance of its report.