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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on March 14, 2024, with amendments.



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 Corporations;
27 the Area Agencies on Aging; a Statewide social service organization
28 offering women's support services; a Statewide social service
29 organization providing services to persons with adult onset disabilities;
30 and a Statewide social service organization offering emergency food
31 and nutrition services;

32 (3) three public members appointed by the President of the Senate
33 as follows: one representative each from the National Alliance on
34 Mental Illness of New Jersey; the New Jersey Coalition to End
35 Domestic Violence; and a Statewide social service organization
36 offering substance ¹**[abuse]** use disorder¹ treatment and prevention
37 services;

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

43 (5) two public members as follows: one appointed by the Minority
44 Leader of the Senate who is a representative of a Statewide social

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted March 14, 2024.

1 service organization providing services to the homeless; and one
2 appointed by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly who is a
3 representative from a Statewide organization advocating for the arts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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