

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 5140/10

Amends the Task Force on Human Services Contracting Act. Provides that membership of the Task Force on State Contracting with Private Nonprofit Human Service Providers shall consist of, among other appointees, 6 (currently, 7) members appointed by the President of the Senate and 6 (currently, 7) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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AN ACT concerning State government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Task Force on Human Services Contracting Act
is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 5140/10)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2021)

8 Sec. 10. Task Force on State Contracting with Private
9 Nonprofit Human Service Providers.

The Task Force on State Contracting with Private 10 (a) Nonprofit Human Service Providers is created to study State 11 12 contracting with private nonprofit human service providers and 13 to develop recommendations on how to improve the contracting 14 relationship and partnership between State departments and agencies and private nonprofit human service providers so that 15 16 they work effectively and efficiently to improve the well-being 17 of Illinoisans. The Task Force shall perform the following actions: 18

19 (1) Review data provided by State departments and 20 agencies that contract with private nonprofit human 21 service providers regarding the effectiveness of the 22 system of service provision.

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(2) Collect and review data on each of the following:

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(A) Service system planning: the means by which
State departments and agencies and private nonprofit
human service providers assess needs, identify gaps,
and establish system goals, especially the flow of
information collected by the State departments and
agencies and shared back with private nonprofit human
service providers.

8 (B) Contract negotiation: the process by which 9 State departments and agencies engage private 10 nonprofit human service providers to provide specific 11 services and achieve specific goals, especially the 12 adequacy of time to review and adjust.

13 Reimbursement rate (C) methodologies: the 14 processes by which State departments and agencies 15 establish rates, the frequency of review and 16 adjustment, and the adequacy of those rates to achieve 17 the outcomes sought by the State.

(D) Monitoring of service and administration: the 18 19 process by which State departments and agencies 20 evaluate performance, especially the efficiency of data collection and review, and prevent or resolve 21 22 processes and reports that are duplicative, costly, 23 and wasteful of staff time and that slow the process of 24 permanency and contribute to unnecessary staff 25 turnover.

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(E) Business processes: the means by which State

1 departments and agencies provide approvals for 2 services, activities, plans and changes, especially 3 preventing the unnecessary delays that arise from delayed or slowed approvals, which also slow the 4 5 process of permanency and unnecessarily add to the stress and trauma experience of children in State care. 6

7 (F) Timely payment: the process by which State 8 departments and agencies make payments, including the 9 timeliness of payments and the opportunities for 10 appeal; and the court of claims process as it relates 11 to human service contracting.

12 (3) In each of the study categories described in 13 subparagraphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (2), develop 14 recommendations on how to improve the contracting 15 relationship and partnership between State departments and 16 agencies and private nonprofit human service providers so 17 that they work effectively and efficiently to improve the well-being of Illinoisans. The Task Force shall also issue 18 19 specific recommendations on procedures that will improve 20 the court of claims process, as it relates to human service 21 contracting, to make it operate more expeditiously and 22 efficiently.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of persons representing nonprofit service providers that provide direct services to the State concerning child care and child welfare, mental health, developmental disabilities, domestic violence, early intervention, alcohol and substance abuse treatment, and other applicable nonprofit providers providing direct services at the community level. Members of the Task Force shall be appointed as follows:

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(1) $\underline{6}$ 7 members appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated as Co-Chairperson;

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(2) 6 members appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

8 (3) <u>6</u> 7 members appointed by the Speaker of the House 9 of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated as 10 Co-Chairperson; and

11 (4) 6 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the12 House of Representatives.

In addition, the Director of Children and Family Services, the Director of Healthcare and Family Services, the Director of Human Services, the Director of Human Rights, and the Director, or his or her designee, of any other State agency that contracts for direct human services shall each serve as an ex officio member of the Task Force.

19 The Task Force shall also include at least 2, but no more 20 than 3, members that represent organizations or agencies that 21 provide research, analytics, and fiduciary analysis.

(c) The Task Force may establish a method to gather testimony and input from individuals and organizations that are not members of the Task Force.

25 (d) The Department of Human Services shall provide26 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

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1 (e) The Task Force shall submit a preliminary report to the 2 Auditor General, the General Assembly, and the Governor no 3 later than October 1, 2019, and a final report, along with 4 recommendations and any proposed legislation, to the General 5 Assembly and the Governor by January 1, 2020.

The reports to the General Assembly shall be filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate in electronic form only, in the manner that the Clerk and the Secretary shall direct.

(f) The Task Force is dissolved on January 1, 2021.
(Source: P.A. 100-1128, eff. 11-27-18.)

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