

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1075

Sponsor: SENATOR BAKER

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 4, by inserting after "children"
2 and providing for child sexual abuse prevention task force

3 Amend Bill, page 2, line 9, by striking out "six" and
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6 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

7 Section 2. Title 18 is amended by adding a section to read:
8 § 6312.1. Child sexual abuse prevention task force.

9 (a) Establishment.--The Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task
10 Force shall be created within the Department of Human Services.

11 (b) Purpose.--The task force shall perform the following:

12 (1) Develop guidance, tools and sexual abuse prevention
13 and intervention frameworks for supporting Pennsylvania Child
14 Welfare Services and the General Assembly in efforts to
15 better protect the children and youth entrusted to the care
16 of Pennsylvania Child Welfare Services.

17 (2) Create long-range plans and strategies for statewide
18 community education about child sexual abuse and its
19 prevention.

20 (c) Composition.--The task force shall consist of the
21 following members:

22 (1) One member of the Pennsylvania Senate, appointed by
23 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

24 (2) One member of the public, appointed by the President
25 Pro Tempore of the Senate.

26 (3) One member of the Pennsylvania House of
27 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives.

29 (4) One member of the public, appointed by the Speaker
30 of the House of Representatives.

31 (5) One member of the public who is a survivor of child
32 sexual abuse, appointed by the Governor.

33 (6) The Secretary of Education, or a designee.

34 (7) The Secretary of Human Services, who shall serve as
35 chairperson of the task force;

1 (8) The Secretary of Health, or a designee.
2 (9) The President of the Pennsylvania District
3 Attorney's Association, or a designee.
4 (10) Two representatives of a children's advocacy center
5 that assists in the investigation, prosecution and treatment
6 of child sexual and physical abuse cases, appointed by the
7 Governor.
8 (11) Two medical professionals that specialize in the
9 field of child sexual abuse, one of whom shall be appointed
10 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one of whom
11 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives.
13 (12) The Director of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against
14 Rape, or a designee.
15 (13) The director of a rape crisis center located in
16 this Commonwealth, or a designee.
17 (14) A representative of an organization representing
18 law enforcement, appointed by the Commissioner of the
19 Pennsylvania State Police.
20 (15) The Victim Advocate from the Office of Victim
21 Advocate, or a designee.
22 (16) A member of the Pennsylvania Sex Offender
23 Assessment Board. If possible, this member shall also be a
24 member of The Association for the Treatment of Sexual
25 Abusers.
26 (17) The Attorney General of Pennsylvania, or a
27 designee.
28 (d) Member requirements.--Members of the task force must be
29 individuals who are actively involved in the fields of the
30 prevention of child abuse and neglect and child welfare. The
31 appointment of members must reflect the geographic diversity of
32 the Commonwealth.
33 (e) Vacancies.--The following shall apply:
34 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), the Governor
35 shall appoint a member for a membership on the task force
36 that remains vacant for 90 days or more.
37 (2) The President pro tempore of the Senate shall
38 appoint a member for a membership appointed under subsection
39 (c) (5) or (10) that remains vacant for 90 days or more.
40 (f) Designee.--A task force member who intends to utilize a
41 designee shall notify the chairperson of the task force in
42 writing of the designee.
43 (g) Terms.--The term of a task force member appointed under
44 subsection (c) (1), (2), (3), (4), (10), (11) or (14) shall be
45 three years. A task force member may be reappointed for
46 additional terms. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy on
47 the task force under subsection (c) shall serve for the
48 unexpired term of the membership and shall be eligible for
49 reappointment.
50 (h) Meetings and expenses.--The following shall apply:
51 (1) The task force shall meet at least four times

1 annually, but may hold additional meetings as determined by
2 the chairperson. The chairperson shall provide notice of at
3 least 14 days in advance for a regular meeting and shall
4 provide notice of at least three days in advance of a special
5 meeting.

6 (2) A record of meeting attendance shall be maintained,
7 and a member shall receive written notice if the member
8 misses two consecutive meetings. A member who misses three
9 consecutive meetings without good cause acceptable to the
10 chairperson may be replaced by a member appointed by the
11 Governor at the discretion of the chairperson.

12 (3) Minutes of the meetings shall be prepared and filed
13 with the task force and distributed to each member. Each
14 record shall be a matter of public record.

15 (4) A member may not receive per diem expenses.

16 (5) The department shall provide appropriate staff
17 support to enable the task force to properly carry out the
18 task force's duties.

19 (i) Powers.--The task force shall have the power to advise
20 and consult the General Assembly and Commonwealth agencies and
21 may make recommendations in accordance with subsection (b). In
22 making those recommendations, the task force shall perform the
23 following:

24 (1) Review existing laws, regulations and policies
25 within the context of current empirical evidence evaluating
26 effective child sexual abuse.

27 (2) Review current best-practices for primary, secondary
28 and tertiary child sexual abuse prevention strategies.

29 (3) Gather information concerning child sexual abuse
30 throughout this Commonwealth.

31 (4) Receive reports and testimony from individuals,
32 Commonwealth and local agencies, community-based
33 organizations and other public and private organizations.

34 (5) Develop guidelines and tools for the development of
35 sexual abuse prevention and intervention plans by
36 organizations serving children and youth.

37 (6) Recommend policies and procedures for implementation
38 and oversight of the guidelines.

39 (7) Recommend strategies for incentivizing organizations
40 to develop and implement sexual abuse prevention and
41 intervention plans.

42 (8) Develop a five-year plan for using community
43 education and other strategies to increase public awareness
44 about child sexual abuse, including how to recognize signs,
45 minimize risk and act on suspicions or disclosures of such
46 abuse.

47 (9) Create goals for education policy that would prevent
48 child sexual abuse.

49 (10) Create goals for other areas of Commonwealth policy
50 that would prevent child sexual abuse.

51 (j) Annual report.--Submit an annual report to the Governor

1 and the General Assembly, which shall include, but not be
2 limited to, the task force's recommendations under this section.
3 The report shall be published on the department's publicly
4 accessible Internet website.

5 (k) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
6 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
7 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "Chairperson." The chairperson of the task force.

9 "Member." A member of the task force.

10 "Task force." The Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force
11 established under subsection (a).

12 Amend Bill, page 2, line 12, by striking out "2" and

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15 Amend Bill, page 3, line 2, by striking out "six" and

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18 Amend Bill, page 3, line 4, by striking out "3" and inserting

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