



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 601

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House Bill No. 7179

House of Representatives, April 8, 2025

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. LEMAR of the 96th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2 to study the operations of the Department of Consumer Protection.
- 3 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 4 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 5 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 6 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
- 7 Representatives;
- 8 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 9 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
- 10 Representatives;
- 11 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

12 (7) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's
13 designee; and

14 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor.

15 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
16 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
17 of the General Assembly.

18 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
19 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
20 be filled by the appointing authority.

21 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
22 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
23 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
24 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
25 days after the effective date of this section.

26 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
27 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to consumer
28 protection shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

29 (g) Not later than January 1, 2026, the task force shall submit a report
30 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
31 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
32 consumer protection, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
33 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
34 submits such report or January 1, 2026, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

GL *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill creates a task force to study the operations of the Department of Consumer Protection resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the task force has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

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Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

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