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Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUBMINIMUM WAGE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

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 eliminating the subminimum wage for persons with
3 disabilities. The task force shall examine benefits to the state in
4 eliminating such subminimum wage and barriers to eliminating such
5 subminimum wage and potential solutions.

6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

7 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
8 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
9 relating to labor and public employees, or their designees;

10 (2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
11 who has expertise in the employment of persons with disabilities;

12 (3) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate who is
13 a member of an organization that advocates for persons with
14 disabilities;

15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives;

17 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

18 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives;

20 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

21 (8) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the
22 commissioner's designee; and

23 (9) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee.

24 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
25 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
26 of the General Assembly.

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

30 (e) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
31 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public
32 employees shall be the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons
33 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
34 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

35 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
36 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
37 public employees shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

38 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report
39 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
40 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
41 and public employees, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
42 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that

43 it submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate the subminimum wage for persons with disabilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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