



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5607

January Session, 2025



***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ELIMINATING
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 disabilities
3 established under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1937, 29 USC 214(c).
4 The task force shall examine benefits to the state in eliminating such
5 subminimum wage and barriers to eliminating such subminimum wage
6 and potential solutions.

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

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

11 (2) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
12 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
13 relating to human services, or their designees;

14 (3) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
15 who has expertise in the employment of persons with disabilities;

16 (4) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is

17 a member of an organization that advocates for persons with
18 disabilities;

19 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
20 Representatives;

21 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

22 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
23 Representatives;

24 (8) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

25 (9) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the
26 commissioner's designee;

27 (10) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

28 (11) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the
29 commissioner's designee; and

30 (12) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the
31 commissioner's designee.

32 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
33 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8) of subsection (b) of this section may be a
34 member of the General Assembly.

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

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

43 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the

44 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and
45 public employees shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

46 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report
47 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
48 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
49 and public employees, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
50 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that
51 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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a), "established under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1937, 29 USC 214(c)" was added for accuracy and clarity; in Subsec. (b)(11) and (12), "the Department of" was deleted for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst.*