



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

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**HS**      *Joint Favorable*