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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY ENERGY DRINK CONSUMPTION BY CHILDREN AND REQUIRING CERTAIN SIGNAGE AT THE POINT OF SALE OF SUCH DRINKS."**

1 In line 7, strike "working group" and insert in lieu thereof "task force"

2 Strike lines 16 to 35, inclusive, in their entirety and substitute the  
3 following in lieu thereof:

4 "(c) The task force shall consist of the following members:

5 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
6 one of whom is a member of the General Assembly and one of whom is  
7 a representative of a manufacturer of energy drinks;

8 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of  
9 whom is a member of the General Assembly and one of whom is a  
10 representative of a children's hospital in the state;

11 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of

12 Representatives, one of whom is a representative of a state-wide  
13 association of food retailers, wholesalers, distributors and service  
14 providers and one of whom is a pediatric cardiologist;

15 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom  
16 is the parent or guardian of a child who experienced adverse health  
17 conditions or died due to the consumption of energy drinks and one of  
18 whom is an individual with expertise in advertising and marketing;

19 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
20 Representatives, one of whom is a representative of a state-wide chapter  
21 of a national association of pediatricians and one of whom is a  
22 representative of a state-wide governing body for interscholastic athletic  
23 activities;

24 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom  
25 is a licensed athletic trainer and one of whom is a representative of a  
26 nonprofit organization that promotes cardiovascular health;

27 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
28 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
29 relating to children and public health;

30 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
31 designee; and

32 (9) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's  
33 designee.

34 (d) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
35 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
36 of the General Assembly.

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

40 (f) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro

41 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
42 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
43 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
44 days after the effective date of this section.

45 (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
46 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children  
47 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force."

48 In line 36, strike "(d)" and insert in lieu thereof "(h)" and strike  
49 "November 1, 2026, the cochairpersons" and insert in lieu thereof  
50 "January 1, 2027, the chairpersons"

51 In line 37, strike "working group" and insert in lieu thereof "task  
52 force" and strike "the working group's" and insert in lieu thereof "its"

53 In line 41, after "statutes." insert "The task force shall terminate on the  
54 date that it submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later."

55 In line 48, strike "December 1, 2026" and insert in lieu thereof "March  
56 1, 2027"

57 In line 53, strike "working group" and insert in lieu thereof "task  
58 force"

59 In line 55, strike "January 1, 2027" and insert in lieu thereof "April 1,  
60 2027"