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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Appropriations (Smith) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 397.487, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

397.487 Statewide Task Force on Recovery Residences.-

(1) The Legislature declares that the purpose of this
section is to create a task force to examine and analyze
emerging consumer protection problems pertaining to the health,



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11 safety, and welfare of individuals who are recovering from
12 substance abuse addictions who reside in recovery residences.

13 (2) (a) The Statewide Task Force on Recovery Residences, a
14 task force as defined in s. 20.03, is created within the
15 Department of Children and Families for the express purpose of
16 researching the operation of recovery residences and the effect
17 on recovery residents, evaluating effective strategies for
18 certification of recovery residences, and providing policy
19 recommendations to the Legislature.

20 (b) The task force consists of the following members, or
21 the members' designees:

22 1. The Secretary of Children and Families, who shall serve
23 as chair.

24 2. The Secretary of Health Care Administration.

25 3. The executive director of the Department of Law
26 Enforcement.

27 4. The State Fire Marshal.

28 5. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of
29 the Senate.

30 6. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed
31 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

32 7. A representative from an addiction and recovery
33 association, appointed by the Secretary of Children and
34 Families.

35 8. Three local elected officials from impacted areas,
36 appointed by the Secretary of Children and Families.

37 (c) Members of the task force are entitled to receive
38 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s.
39 112.061.



40 (d) The Department of Children and Families shall provide
41 the task force with staff necessary to assist the task force in
42 the performance of its duties.

43 (3) The task force shall hold its organizational session by
44 September 1, 2014. Thereafter, the task force shall meet at
45 least six times per year. Additional meetings may be held if the
46 chair determines that extraordinary circumstances require an
47 additional meeting. A majority of the members of the task force
48 constitutes a quorum.

49 (4) The task force shall submit an interim report of its
50 recommendations to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
51 of the House of Representatives by January 15, 2015, and a final
52 report of its recommendations by June 1, 2015.

53 (5) This section is repealed July 1, 2015.

54 Section 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law.

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56 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

57 And the title is amended as follows:

58 Delete everything before the enacting clause
59 and insert:

60 A bill to be entitled
61 An act relating to substance abuse; creating s.
62 397.487, F.S.; creating the Statewide Task Force on
63 Recovery Residences within the Department of Children
64 and Families; providing the purpose of the task force;
65 providing membership; providing reimbursement for per
66 diem and travel expenses; requiring the department to
67 provide the task force with staff; providing meeting
68 times; providing for a quorum; requiring the task



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force to submit to the Legislature an interim report
and a final report by specified dates; providing for
repeal; providing an effective date.