

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Assisted and Independent Living
 3 Facility Task Force; creating s. 393.25, F.S.;
 4 establishing the Assisted and Independent Living
 5 Facility Task Force within the Agency for Persons with
 6 Disabilities; providing for duties, membership, and
 7 meetings of the task force; requiring the task force
 8 to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by
 9 a specified date; providing an effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13 Section 1. Section 393.25, Florida Statutes, is created to
 14 read:

15 393.25 Assisted and Independent Living Facility Task
 16 Force.—

17 (1) The Assisted and Independent Living Facility Task
 18 Force is established within the Agency for Persons with
 19 Disabilities for administrative purposes only. The agency shall
 20 use existing and available resources to administer and support
 21 the activities of the task force under this section.

22 (2) The task force shall develop and evaluate policy
 23 proposals that incentivize building contractors and developers
 24 to create space for assisted living facilities or independent
 25 living facilities within mixed-use developments which may be

26 | used as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for
27 | individuals who are in need of such housing and who have an
28 | intellectual disability or autism, as those terms are defined in
29 | s. 393.063, or a mental illness, as defined in s. 394.455.

30 | (3) The task force shall consist of the following members:

31 | (a) The director of the Agency for Persons with
32 | Disabilities or his or her designee, who shall serve as the
33 | chair of the task force.

34 | (b) The Secretary of Children Families or his or her
35 | designee.

36 | (c) The executive director of the Department of Economic
37 | Opportunity or his or her designee.

38 | (d) The Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation
39 | or his or her designee.

40 | (e) The executive director of the Commission for the
41 | Transportation Disadvantaged or his or her designee.

42 | (f) A representative from the Florida Supportive Housing
43 | Coalition.

44 | (g) A representative from the Florida Housing Finance
45 | Corporation.

46 | (h) A representative from the Florida Housing Coalition.

47 | (i) A representative from the Florida Independent Living
48 | Council.

49 | (j) A representative from the National Alliance on Mental
50 | Illness of Florida.

51 (k) A representative from the Florida Council for
52 Community Mental Health.

53 (l) A representative from the Florida League of Cities.

54 (m) A representative from the Florida Association of
55 Counties.

56 (n) A representative from the Florida Coalition for the
57 Homeless.

58 (o) A representative from the Association of Florida
59 Community Developers.

60 (p) A representative from the Associated Builders and
61 Contractors, Inc., of Florida.

62 (4) Members of the task force shall serve without
63 compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem
64 or travel expenses. The task force shall convene its first
65 meeting by August 1, 2019, and shall meet as often as necessary
66 to fulfill its responsibilities under this section. Meetings may
67 be conducted in person, by teleconference, or by other
68 electronic means.

69 (5) In consultation with the applicable local and state
70 governmental entities, the task force shall:

71 (a) Identify potential barriers and opportunities in
72 existing policies, rules, or laws to incentivize building
73 contractors and developers to create space for assisted living
74 facilities and independent living facilities within mixed-use
75 developments.

76 (b) Recommend modifications to existing policies, rules,
77 or laws or propose new policies, rules, or laws that would allow
78 for the creation of space for assisted and independent living
79 facilities within mixed-use developments.

80 (c) Recommend financial and regulatory incentives to
81 encourage building contractors and developers to create space
82 for assisted and independent living facilities within mixed-use
83 developments.

84 (d) Propose funding mechanisms for the development and
85 maintenance of spaces for assisted and independent living
86 facilities within mixed-use developments.

87 (e) Propose an overall governing structure for managing
88 spaces for assisted and independent living facilities within
89 mixed-use developments.

90 (6) The task force shall submit a report by February 1,
91 2020, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
92 Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes its
93 findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

94 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.