

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Independent Living Task Force;
3 creating s. 420.5075, F.S.; establishing the
4 Independent Living Task Force within the Florida
5 Housing Finance Corporation; providing for duties,
6 membership, and meetings of the task force; requiring
7 the task force to submit a report to the Governor and
8 Legislature by a specified date; providing for
9 expiration of the task force; providing an effective
10 date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 420.5075, Florida Statutes, is created
15 to read:

16 420.5075 Independent Living Task Force.—

17 (1) The Independent Living Task Force, a task force as
18 defined in s. 20.03, is established within the Florida Housing
19 Finance Corporation for administrative purposes only. The
20 corporation shall use existing and available resources to
21 administer and support the activities of the task force under
22 this section.

23 (2) The task force shall develop and evaluate policy
24 proposals that incentivize building contractors and developers
25 to create units within mixed-use developments which may be used

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

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

31 (a) The director of the Florida Housing Finance
32 Corporation or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair of
33 the task force.

34 (b) The director of the Agency for Persons with
35 Disabilities or his or her designee.

36 (c) The Secretary of Children and Families or his or her
37 designee.

38 (d) The executive director of the Department of Economic
39 Opportunity or his or her designee.

40 (e) The Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation
41 or his or her designee.

42 (f) The executive director of the Commission for the
43 Transportation Disadvantaged or his or her designee.

44 (g) An individual appointed by the Governor.

45 (h) The following members appointed by the director of the
46 Florida Housing Finance Corporation:

47 1. A representative from the Florida Supportive Housing
48 Coalition.

49 2. A representative from the Florida Housing Coalition.

50 3. A representative from the Florida Independent Living

- 51 Council.
- 52 4. A representative from the ARC of Florida.
- 53 5. A representative from the National Alliance on Mental
- 54 Illness-Florida.
- 55 6. A representative from the Florida League of Cities.
- 56 7. A representative from the Florida Association of
- 57 Counties.
- 58 8. A representative from the Association of Florida
- 59 Community Developers.
- 60 9. A representative from the Associated Builders and
- 61 Contractors of Florida.
- 62 10. A representative from the Florida Association of
- 63 Rehabilitation Facilities.
- 64 11. A representative from the Florida Developmental
- 65 Disabilities Council.
- 66 12. A representative from the banking industry who
- 67 finances mixed-used developments.
- 68 13. A representative from the Coalition of Affordable
- 69 Housing Providers.
- 70 14. A representative from the Commercial Real Estate
- 71 Development Association.
- 72 15. An attorney who is a member in good standing of the
- 73 Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar.
- 74 (4) Members of the task force shall serve without
- 75 compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem

76 or travel expenses. The task force shall convene its first
77 meeting by August 1, 2019, and shall meet as often as necessary
78 to fulfill its responsibilities under this section. Meetings may
79 be conducted in person, by teleconference, or by other
80 electronic means.

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

83 (a) Identify potential barriers and opportunities in
84 existing policies, rules, or laws to incentivize building
85 contractors and developers to create low-cost, supportive, and
86 affordable housing units for individuals with developmental
87 disabilities or mental illness within mixed-use developments.

88 (b) Recommend modifications to existing policies, rules,
89 or laws or propose new policies, rules, or laws, such as
90 allowing greater density, which would allow for the creation of
91 low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing units for
92 individuals with developmental disabilities or mental illness
93 within mixed-use developments.

94 (c) Recommend financial and regulatory incentives to
95 encourage building contractors and developers to create low-
96 cost, supportive, and affordable housing units for individuals
97 with developmental disabilities or mental illness within mixed-
98 use developments.

99 (d) Propose funding mechanisms for the development and
100 maintenance of spaces for low-cost, supportive, and affordable

101 | housing units for individuals with developmental disabilities or
102 | mental illness within mixed-use developments.

103 | (6) The task force shall submit a report by December 1,
104 | 2020, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
105 | Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes its
106 | findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

107 | (7) This section expires February 2, 2021.

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