

By Senator Rader

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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 for certain purposes;  
6           requiring the corporation to use existing and  
7           available resources to administer and support the  
8           activities of the task force; providing for duties,  
9           membership, and meetings of the task force; requiring  
10          the members of the task force to serve without  
11          compensation; requiring the task force to submit a  
12          report to the Governor and the Legislature by a  
13          specified date; providing for expiration of specified  
14          provisions on, and the dissolution of the task force  
15          by, a specified date; providing an effective date.

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

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19           Section 1. Section 420.5075, Florida Statutes, is created  
20 to read:

21           420.5075 Independent Living Task Force.—

22           (1) The Independent Living Task Force, a task force as  
23 defined in s. 20.03(8), is established within the Florida  
24 Housing Finance Corporation for administrative purposes only.  
25 The corporation shall use existing and available resources to  
26 administer and support the activities of the task force under  
27 this section.

28           (2) The task force shall develop and evaluate policy  
29 proposals that incentivize building contractors and developers

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30 to create units within mixed-use developments that may be used  
31 as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for individuals  
32 who are in need of such housing and who have a developmental  
33 disability, as defined in s. 393.063, or a mental illness, as  
34 defined in s. 394.455.

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

36 (a) The executive director of the Florida Housing Finance  
37 Corporation or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair of  
38 the task force.

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

41 (c) The Secretary of Children and Families or his or her  
42 designee.

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

45 (e) The Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation  
46 or his or her designee.

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

49 (g) An individual appointed by the Governor.

50 (h) The following members appointed by the executive  
51 director of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation:

52 1. A representative from the Florida Supportive Housing  
53 Coalition.

54 2. A representative from the Florida Housing Coalition.

55 3. A representative from the Florida Independent Living  
56 Council.

57 4. A representative from the ARC of Florida.

58 5. A representative from the National Alliance on Mental

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59 Illness-Florida.

60 6. A representative from the Florida League of Cities.

61 7. A representative from the Florida Association of  
62 Counties.

63 8. A representative from the Association of Florida  
64 Community Developers.

65 9. A representative from the Associated Builders and  
66 Contractors of Florida.

67 10. A representative from the Florida Association of  
68 Rehabilitation Facilities.

69 11. A representative from the Florida Developmental  
70 Disabilities Council.

71 12. A representative from the banking industry who finances  
72 mixed-used developments.

73 13. A representative from the Coalition of Affordable  
74 Housing Providers.

75 14. A representative from the Commercial Real Estate  
76 Development Association.

77 15. A representative from the Florida Assisted Living  
78 Association.

79 16. An attorney who is a member in good standing of the  
80 Elder Law Section of The Florida Bar.

81 (4) Members of the task force shall serve without  
82 compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem  
83 or travel expenses. The task force shall convene its first  
84 meeting by June 1, 2020, and shall meet as often as necessary to  
85 fulfill its responsibilities under this section. Meetings may be  
86 conducted in person, by teleconference, or by other electronic  
87 means.

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

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

95 (b) Recommend modifications to existing policies, rules, or  
96 laws or propose new policies, rules, or laws, such as allowing  
97 greater density, which would allow for the creation of low-cost,  
98 supportive, and affordable housing units for individuals with  
99 developmental disabilities or mental illness within mixed-use  
100 developments.

101 (c) Recommend financial and regulatory incentives to  
102 encourage building contractors and developers to create low-  
103 cost, supportive, and affordable housing units for individuals  
104 with developmental disabilities or mental illness within mixed-  
105 use developments.

106 (d) Propose funding mechanisms for the development and  
107 maintenance of spaces for low-cost, supportive, and affordable  
108 housing units for individuals with developmental disabilities or  
109 mental illness within mixed-use developments.

110 (6) The task force shall submit a report by December 1,  
111 2020, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
112 Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes its  
113 findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

114 (7) This section expires on, and the task force must  
115 dissolve on or before, January 1, 2021.

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