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House Bill 1193 (Delegate Smigiel, *et al.*)
Health and Government Operations

**Task Force to Study Implementation of Strategies for Preventing Sexual
Exploitation of Clients by Health Professionals**

This bill establishes the Task Force to Study Implementation of Strategies for Preventing Sexual Exploitation of Clients by Health Professionals. By December 1, 2014, the task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene must provide staff for the task force.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014, and terminates May 31, 2015.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Staffing and expense reimbursements can be provided using existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The 21-member task force includes 2 members of the Senate and 2 members of the House of Delegates. The Governor must designate the chair of the task force. A member of the task force may not receive compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses.

The task force must study the extent to which the recommendations in the report of the Maryland Task Force to Study Health Professional-Client Sexual Exploitation, issued in January 1996, have been implemented and provide recommendations (1) on statutory, regulatory, or programmatic changes needed to implement the provisions of the 1996 task force report that have not been implemented; (2) on additional actions that professional associations, health care institutions, religious institutions, and consumer groups can take to effectuate the recommendations of the 1996 task force report; and (3) about any issues not addressed in the 1996 task force report relating to prevention, education, and survivor recovery.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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