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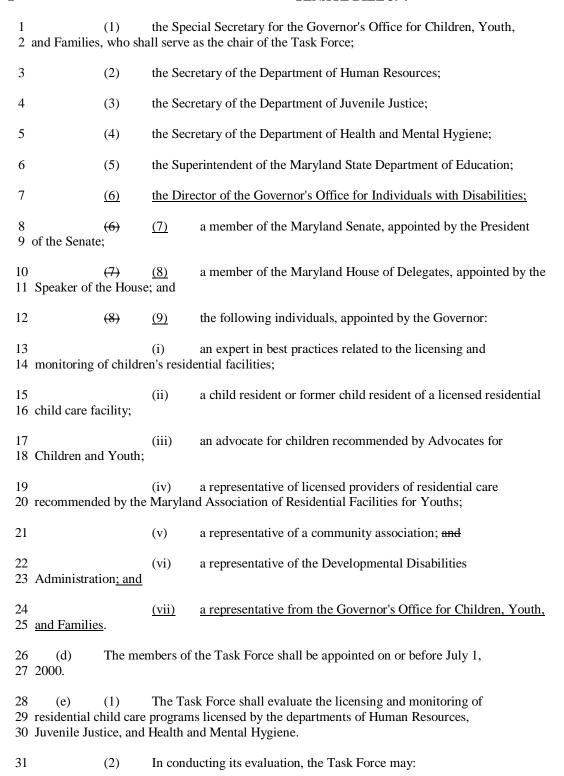
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By: Senators Kelley, Roesser, Frosh, Hogan, Bromwell, Hollinger, Teitelbaum, Blount, Hoffman, Lawlah, Collins, McFadden, DeGrange, Kasemeyer, Mitchell, Jimeno, and Van Hollen Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2000 Assigned to: Finance Committee Report: Favorable with amendments Senate action: Adopted Read second time: March 21, 2000 CHAPTER 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Task Force on the Licensing and Monitoring of Community-Based Homes 3 for Children FOR the purpose of creating a Task Force on the Licensing and Monitoring of 4 Community-Based Homes for Children to review and evaluate State programs 5 for the licensing and monitoring of residential child care facilities; providing for 6 7 the appointment, chairmanship, and membership of the Task Force; requiring members to be appointed by a certain date; requiring the Task Force to study 8 9 and evaluate certain processes, requirements, issues, and practices; requiring the Task Force to evaluate whether a single interagency authority should 10 license and monitor residential child care facilities; requiring the Task Force to 11 12 make recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly on or 13 before a certain date; providing for the staff of the Task Force; providing for the 14 termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force on the Licensing and Monitoring of Community-Based Homes for Children. 15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 16 17 MARYLAND, That: 18 There is a Task Force on the Licensing and Monitoring of (a) 19 Community-Based Homes for Children. 20 The Task Force shall have 13 15 members. (b)

The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

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1 2	State;	(i)	conduct site visits to residential child care facilities around the	
3	departments;	(ii)	visit the licensing and monitoring programs at the three	
5		(iii)	hold at least two public hearings at locations around the State:	
6			1. at least one of which shall be in Annapolis; and	
7			2. at least one of which shall be in Baltimore; and	
8		(iv)	accept public comment.	
9	(f) The Ta	f) The Task Force shall:		
10 11	(1) care facilities;	, 1		
12 13	(2) evaluate the frequency and adequacy of the process and procedures used for monitoring residential child care facilities;			
14 15	(3) research and evaluate best practices in the licensing and monitoring of residential child care facilities;			
16 17	(4) evaluate the feasibility of creating a single interagency authority to license and monitor all residential child care facilities; and			
18 19	(5) determine the most appropriate means for eliciting and responding to citizen concerns about licensed residential child care facilities.			
22 23	0 (g) On or before December 1, 2000, the Task Force shall make 1 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to 2-1246 of the State Government 2 Article, the General Assembly, for improving the licensing and monitoring of 3 residential child care facilities and for eliciting and responding to citizen concerns 4 about the facilities.			
	(h) The Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families , with the assistance of the Department of Legislative Services, shall provide staff support for the Task Force.			
30	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.			