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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1233 (Delegate Kagan. *et al.*)

Judiciary

Task Force to Study Rape and Sexual Assault Crisis Treatment

This bill establishes the 13-member Task Force to Study Rape and Sexual Assault Crisis Treatment. The task force must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2000. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) will provide professional and administrative support to the task force.

The bill takes effect on June 1, 2000, and sunsets on December 31, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for DHMH could be handled with existing budgeted resources. (DHMH estimates task force expenditures at \$5,320 for expense reimbursements and operating costs for the seven-month period).

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The task force must study the following: (1) procedures for treating victims of rape or sexual assault in hospitals throughout the State; (2) sexual assault crisis training for health care professionals who treat rape and sexual assault victims in hospitals; (3) procedures for the dissemination of information about hospital procedures for treating such victims to various public agencies and the public; and (4) the availability of emergency

contraception in hospitals throughout the State and how it is funded.

Current Law: None applicable.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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