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Senate Bill 394 (Senator Kellev. *et al.*)

Finance

Task Force on the Licensing and Monitoring of Community-Based Homes for Children

This bill establishes a 15-member Task Force on the Licensing and Monitoring of Community-Based Homes for Children. The task force must evaluate the licensing and monitoring of residential child care programs licensed by the departments of Human Resources, Juvenile Justice, and Health and Mental Hygiene. The task force is to make recommendations for improving facility oversight and for eliciting and responding to citizen concerns about the facilities to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2000. The Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families (OCYF) is to provide staff support for the task force.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2000 and sunsets May 31, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for the OCYF are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None.

State Expenditures: The OCYF advises that general fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$39,200 in fiscal 2001 for a full-time contractual position (administrator II) to

staff the task force.

DLS advises, however, that the OCYF could staff the task force with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 911 (Nathan-Pulliam, *et al.*) - Judiciary.

Information Source(s): Governor's Office (Office for Children, Youth, and Families),
Department Human Resources, Department of Legislative Services

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