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House Bill 433 (Delegate Morhaim, *et al.*)
Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

Task Force on Administrative Compensation for Birth-Related Neurological Injury

This bill establishes a Task Force on Administrative Compensation for Birth-Related Neurological Injury. The task force is required to: (1) study the administrative compensation programs for birth-related neurological injury established in Virginia and Florida; (2) investigate the issues critical to designing such a program; (3) examine the effect of such a program on the supply of physicians practicing obstetrics and on the availability of affordable obstetrical liability coverage; and (4) develop a pilot program for the specialty of obstetrics that would be implemented by December 1, 2008. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Workers' Compensation Commission and other appropriate State agencies, must provide staff support for the task force. The task force must be appointed, organized, and begin its deliberation by November 1, 2005, submit an interim report by December 1, 2006, and submit a final report by December 1, 2007.

The bill terminates December 31, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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