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2 Introduced by Senators Sirotkin and Lyons

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; long-term care; home care

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a
7 long-term care evaluation task force to assess and catalogue in-home,
8 long-term care programs operated or subsidized by the State.

9 An act relating to the Long-Term Care Evaluation Task Force

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. LONG-TERM CARE EVALUATION TASK FORCE

12 (a) Creation. There is created a Long-Term Care Evaluation Task Force to
13 assess and catalogue those in-home, long-term care programs that are either
14 operated by the State or subsidized by the State.

15 (b) Membership. The Task Force shall be composed of the following
16 10 members:

17 (1) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare or
18 designee, appointed by the Committee on Committees;

19 (2) the Chair of the House Committee on Human Services or designee,
20 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

1 (3) the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living or
2 designee;

3 (4) the Long-Term Care Ombudsman;

4 (5) a representative of elders, appointed by the Community of Vermont
5 Elders;

6 (6) a representative of retired persons, appointed by the American
7 Association of Retired Persons;

8 (7) a representative of the Area Agencies on Aging;

9 (8) a representative of home health care providers, appointed by the
10 Vermont Association of Home Health Agencies;

11 (9) a representative of the Support and Services at Home (SASH)
12 program; and

13 (10) a representative of private home health care providers, appointed by
14 Bayada Home Health Care.

15 (c) Powers and duties. The Task Force shall assess the availability and
16 effectiveness of in-home, long-term care services in Vermont that are either
17 State-operated or State-subsidized and create a catalogue of existing services to
18 determine where overlapping services or gaps in service may exist.

19 (d) Assistance. The Task Force shall have the administrative, technical,
20 and legal assistance of the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent

1 Living. For purposes of preparing any recommended legislation, the Task
2 Force shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative Council.

3 (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2016, the Task Force shall submit a
4 written report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate
5 Committee on Health and Welfare with its findings and any recommendations
6 for rules or legislative action.

7 (f) Meetings.

8 (1) The Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living or
9 designee shall call the first meeting of the Task Force to occur on or before
10 August 1, 2015.

11 (2) The Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living or
12 designee shall serve as chair of the Task Force.

13 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

14 (4) The Task Force shall cease to exist on February 1, 2016.

15 (g) Reimbursement.

16 (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General
17 Assembly, legislative members of the Task Force shall be entitled to per diem
18 compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 for
19 no more than four meetings.

20 (2) Other members of the Task Force who are not employees of the State
21 of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their

1 attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of
2 expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for no more than four meetings.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.