

1 AN ACT in relation to Human Services.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is
5 amended by changing Section 80-5 and the Article 80 heading
6 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1305/Art. 80 heading)

8 ARTICLE 80. EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS

9 (20 ILCS 1305/80-5)

10 Sec. 80-5. Task Force on the Department of Human Services
11 Consolidation.

12 (a) There is hereby established a Task Force on the
13 Department of Human Services Consolidation.

14 (b) The Task Force shall consist of 7 voting members, as
15 follows: one person appointed by the Governor, who shall
16 serve as chair of the Task Force; 2 members appointed by the
17 President of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated a
18 vice chair at the time of appointment; one member appointed
19 by the Senate Minority Leader; 2 members appointed by the
20 Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be
21 designated a vice chair at the time of appointment; and one
22 member appointed by the House Minority Leader.

23 Members appointed by the legislative leaders shall be
24 appointed for the duration of the Task Force; in the event of
25 a vacancy, the appointment to fill the vacancy shall be made
26 by the legislative leader of the same house and party as the
27 leader who made the original appointment. The Governor may
28 at any time terminate the service of the person appointed by
29 the Governor and reappoint a different person to serve as
30 chair of the Task Force.

1 The following persons (or their designees) shall serve,
 2 ex officio, as nonvoting members of the Task Force: the
 3 Director of Public Health, the Director of Public Aid, the
 4 Director of Children and Family Services, the Director of the
 5 Bureau of the Budget, and the Secretary of Human Services,
 6 ~~until--their--offices--are--abolished,~~ ~~the Director of Mental~~
 7 ~~Health--and--Developmental--Disabilities,~~ ~~the Director--of~~
 8 ~~Rehabilitation--Services,~~ ~~and the Director of Alcoholism and~~
 9 ~~Substance Abuse.~~ The Governor may appoint up to 3 additional
 10 persons to serve as nonvoting members of the Task Force, who
 11 may be technical consultants from; ~~such persons shall be~~
 12 ~~officers or employees of a constitutional office or of a~~
 13 department or agency of the executive branch.

14 The Task Force may begin to conduct business upon the
 15 appointment of a majority of the voting members. If the
 16 chair has not been appointed but both vice chairs have been
 17 appointed, the 2 vice chairs shall preside jointly. If the
 18 chair has not been appointed and only one vice chair has been
 19 appointed, that vice chair shall preside.

20 Members shall serve without compensation but may be
 21 reimbursed for their expenses.

22 (c) The Task Force shall gather information and make
 23 recommendations relating to the performance of the Illinois
 24 Department of Human Services since its creation under this
 25 Act, with respect to its success in achieving the goals and
 26 objectives of the human services consolidation, the
 27 effectiveness of its structure and function, and its impact
 28 on the delivery of programs and services. ~~planning,~~
 29 ~~organization,~~ ~~and implementation of human services~~
 30 ~~consolidation.~~ The Task Force shall work to assure that the
 31 human services delivery system is meeting ~~meets~~ and adhering
 32 adheres to the goals of quality, efficiency, accountability,
 33 and financial responsibility; to make recommendations in
 34 keeping with those goals concerning the design, operation,

1 and organizational structure of the new Department of Human
 2 Services; and to recommend any necessary implementing
 3 legislation for the improvement of programs and services
 4 under the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Services.

5 The Task Force shall evaluate ~~monitor~~ the implementation
 6 of human service program reorganization and shall study its
 7 effect on the delivery of services to the citizens of
 8 Illinois. The Task Force shall make recommendations to the
 9 Governor and the General Assembly regarding the effect of the
 10 ~~future~~ consolidation of human service programs and functions.

11 (d) The Task Force shall:

12 (1) review and make recommendations on the
 13 organizational structure of the new Department of Human
 14 Services;

15 (2) review the status of ~~and-approve~~ plans for a
 16 unified electronic management and intake information and
 17 reporting system as provided in Section 1-25, and monitor
 18 ~~and-guide~~ the implementation of the system;

19 (3) review the progress that the Department has
 20 made toward ~~and-make-recommendations-on~~ the consolidation
 21 or elimination of fragmented or duplicative programs;

22 (4) monitor and review the progress that the
 23 Department has made on maximizing ~~make-recommendations-on~~
 24 ~~how-best-to-maximize~~ future federal funding for the new
 25 Department of Human Services, with specific ~~specifically~~
 26 including consideration of any federal Medicaid, welfare,
 27 or block grant reforms that have been authorized to
 28 enhance State programs and services reform;

29 (5) review the progress that the Department has
 30 made ~~and----make----recommendations~~ on geographic
 31 regionalization;

32 (6) review the progress that the Department has
 33 made ~~and--make--recommendations~~ on the development of
 34 common intake and client confidentiality processes;

1 (7) review the progress that the Department has
 2 made with respect and--make--reecommendations to foster
 3 effective community-based privatization;

4 (8) obtain a management audit of the Department of
 5 Human Services Children--and--Family--Services, to be
 6 completed and submitted to the Task Force no later than
 7 March 1, 2004, which shall include a preliminary review
 8 and findings regarding the effect that the consolidation
 9 has had on programs and services for the mentally ill and
 10 developmentally disabled, individuals currently receiving
 11 services under the Office of Rehabilitation Services, and
 12 individuals in the substance abuse prevention and
 13 treatment programs July-17-1997; and

14 (9) review any other appropriate matter and make
 15 recommendations to assure a high quality, efficient,
 16 accountable, and financially responsible system for the
 17 delivery of human services to the people of Illinois.

18 (e) The Task Force may hire any necessary staff or
 19 consultants, enter into contracts, and make any expenditures
 20 necessary for carrying out its duties, all out of moneys
 21 appropriated for that purpose. Staff support services may be
 22 provided to the Task Force by the Office of the Governor, the
 23 agencies of State government represented on the Task Force by
 24 ex officio members directly-involved-in-the-reorganization-of
 25 the-delivery-of-human-services, and appropriate legislative
 26 staff.

27 (f) The Task Force may establish an advisory committee
 28 to ensure maximum public participation in the Task Force's
 29 planning, organization, and implementation review process.
 30 If established, the advisory committee shall (1) advise and
 31 assist the Task Force in its duties, (2) help the Task Force
 32 to identify issues of public concern, and (3) meet at least
 33 quarterly.

34 (g) The Task Force shall submit preliminary reports of

1 its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the
2 General Assembly by January 1, 2004 and March 1, 2004, and a
3 final report by September 1, 2004 ~~February--17--1997--and~~
4 ~~February--17--1998--and--a--final--report--by--January--17--1999.~~ It
5 may submit other reports as it deems appropriate.

6 (h) The Task Force is abolished on January 1, 2005
7 ~~February-17-1999.~~

8 (Source: P.A. 89-506, eff. 7-3-96.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.