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SENATE BILL

No. 1084

Introduced by Senator Liu
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Jones)

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An act relating to poverty.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1084, as amended, Liu. California Economic Security Task Force.

Existing law establishes various social service programs that provide cash assistance and other benefits to qualified low-income families and individuals.

This bill would establish, ~~for a period of two years, upon a specified finding by the Department of Finance regarding funding, until July 1, 2013,~~ the California Economic Security Task Force, composed and appointed as prescribed. This bill would require the task force to hold its first meeting ~~not later~~ *before* than July 1, 2011. The task force would be required to submit to the Governor and the Legislature, and make available to the public, both an interim and a final report ~~on measures needed to reduce poverty in the state by 50% by 2020 containing specified information and recommendations.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) ~~There~~ *Upon a positive determination as*
2 *described in subdivision (j), there* is hereby established the
3 California Economic Security Task Force.
- 4 (b) The task force shall consist of the following 17 members,
5 or their designees:
- 6 (1) ~~Two members~~ *Members* of the Senate, at least one of whom
7 must be a member of the minority party, appointed by the Senate
8 Committee on Rules.
- 9 (2) ~~Two members~~ *Members* of the Assembly, at least one of
10 whom must be a member of the minority party, appointed by the
11 Speaker of the Assembly.
- 12 (3) The Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing.
- 13 (4) The Secretary of California Health and Human Services.
- 14 (5) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections and
15 Rehabilitation.
- 16 (6) The Director of Finance.
- 17 (7) A representative ~~of~~ *from* the County Welfare Directors
18 Association.
- 19 (8) *Two individuals who represent business interests operating*
20 *in this state, one of whom shall represent large business and one*
21 *of who shall represent small business.*
- 22 ~~(8) Five~~
- 23 (9) *Four* individuals who represent nongovernment ~~stakeholders~~
24 *entities* that provide benefits, services, or advocacy to people,
25 *including women, children, youth, seniors, working families, and*
26 *the homeless, living in poverty, including women, children, youth,*
27 *seniors, working families, and the homeless, appointed by the*
28 Governor.
- 29 ~~(9) Three individuals who live in poverty, with at least one~~
30 ~~representative from a rural, one from a suburban, and one from an~~
31 ~~urban area, appointed by the Governor.~~
- 32 (10) *Two individuals who live in poverty, one of whom shall*
33 *represent a rural area and be appointed by the Speaker of the*
34 *Assembly and one of whom shall represent an urban area and be*
35 *appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.*
- 36 (c) *The Secretary of California Health and Human Services*
37 *shall serve as the chairperson of the task force. The task force*

1 shall, by majority vote, elect a vice chairperson from among
2 members who do not represent state government.

3 ~~(e) The~~

4 ~~(d) Upon a positive determination as described in subdivision~~
5 ~~(j), the task force shall hold its first meeting not later than before~~
6 July 1, 2011. The task force shall meet at least quarterly, at a time
7 and location convenient as the task force deems appropriate and
8 convenient to the public. All meetings of the task force shall be
9 open to the public.

10 ~~(d)~~

11 ~~(e) The task force may create subcommittees advisory~~
12 ~~committees composed of task force members, experts, federal,~~
13 ~~state, and county agency representatives, and other stakeholders,~~
14 ~~to provide advice on any function of the task force, or the~~
15 ~~assessments, programs, and policies it may develop and~~
16 ~~recommend. A subcommittee may gather information and make~~
17 ~~recommendations to the task force. A subcommittee shall not~~
18 ~~exercise any of the powers vested in the task force.~~

19 ~~(e)~~

20 ~~(f) The task force shall seek input from other outside groups,~~
21 ~~organizations, and individuals, and consider the actions and~~
22 ~~recommendations of other states' poverty reduction plans, as it~~
23 ~~deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, consulting or~~
24 ~~referencing the following:~~

25 ~~(1) Businesses.~~

26 ~~(2) People living below the poverty line according to either the~~
27 ~~California Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Standard Index or~~
28 ~~the California Elder Economic Security Standard Index.~~

29 ~~(3) The Colorado Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction~~
30 ~~Task Force.~~

31 ~~(4) Community-based and institutional providers of programs~~
32 ~~that move Californians toward economic security.~~

33 ~~(5) The Connecticut Child Poverty and Prevention Council.~~

34 ~~(6) Labor groups.~~

35 ~~(7) The Louisiana Child Poverty Prevention Council.~~

36 ~~(8) State agency staff responsible for social services, job~~
37 ~~training, housing, transportation, asset development, tax, education,~~
38 ~~or child welfare programs.~~

39 ~~(9) Local and statewide workforce investment boards.~~

40 ~~(f)~~

1 (g) The task force shall submit to the Governor and the
2 Legislature, and make available to the public, an interim ~~and a~~
3 ~~final report on measures needed to reduce poverty in the state by~~
4 ~~50 percent by 2020, that meets, at least, the following requirements:~~
5 *report on or before July 1, 2012, and a final report on or before*
6 *July 1, 2013.*

7 (1) The interim and the final reports shall do both of the
8 following:

9 (A) Review in detail current rates of economic security. For
10 purposes of this subparagraph, “economic security” means having
11 the income necessary to cover basic needs expenses, among
12 Californians at the family and county level, using both the
13 California Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Standard Index and
14 the California Elder Economic Security Standard Index.

15 (B) Inventory state programs targeted at increasing individual
16 and family economic security and reducing poverty.

17 (2) The interim report shall provide specific recommendations
18 to maximize the effectiveness of state programs and services for
19 both the immediate and short-term timeframes, that may be
20 implemented beginning in 2012.

21 (3) The final report shall do all of the following:

22 (A) Provide actionable, specific, and long-term
23 recommendations that will increase the effectiveness of the state’s
24 efforts to increase family economic security by reducing poverty
25 in the state by 50 percent by 2020. The recommendations shall be
26 politically viable, fiscally responsible, shall include an
27 implementation plan with key milestones, and an estimate of
28 program costs or savings and of the number of individuals who
29 would benefit from the proposal.

30 (B) Provide specific recommendations on how to create a
31 self-sustaining entity to lead and coordinate the state’s efforts to
32 reduce poverty in the state by 50 percent in 2020, including, but
33 not limited to, the following recommendations:

34 (i) The appropriate structure of the entity.

35 (ii) The needed funding for the efforts.

36 (iii) The necessary statutory changes to create the entity.

37 (C) Provide the following information about each state
38 antipoverty program, including, but not limited to:

39 (i) The budget for the program.

40 (ii) The program’s eligibility criteria and process.

- 1 (iii) The number and demographic profile of clients served by
2 the program.
- 3 (iv) Services the program offers.
- 4 (v) Other state and local government entities involved in
5 planning and administering the program.
- 6 ~~(g)~~
- 7 (h) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation,
8 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for their task force expenses,
9 if the task force has sufficient funding for this purpose.
- 10 ~~(h)~~
- 11 (i) The task force shall seek funding, technical assistance, *staff*
12 *support*, and other resources from philanthropic and private
13 donations, but shall not accept any support that would pose a
14 conflict of interest or be inconsistent with the task force's goals
15 and objectives.
- 16 (j) *The task force shall be established in the executive branch*
17 *and shall convene only upon a determination by the Department*
18 *of Finance that private donations in an amount sufficient to fully*
19 *support the activities of the task force have been deposited with*
20 *the state.*
- 21 ~~(i) The task force shall cease to exist two years after the date of~~
22 ~~its first meeting.~~
- 23 (k) *This act shall remain in effect only until July 1, 2013, and*
24 *as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is*
25 *chaptered before July 1, 2013, deletes or extends that date.*