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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, 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 before 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 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:

SECTION 1. (a) Upon a positive determination as described in subdivision-(i) (j), there is hereby established the California Economic Security Task Force.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following ~~17~~ 13 members, or their designees:

(1) Two Members of the Senate, at least one of whom must be a member of the minority party, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

(2) Two Members of the Assembly, at least one of whom must be a member of the minority party, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

~~(3) The Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing or a designated representative.~~

~~(4) The Secretary of California Health and Human Services or a designated representative.~~

~~(5) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or a designated representative.~~

~~(6) The Director of Finance or a designated representative.~~

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(3) A representative from the County Welfare Directors Association.

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(4) Two individuals who represent business interests operating in this state, one of whom shall represent large business *and be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules* and one of whom shall represent small business *and be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly*.

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(5) Four individuals who represent nongovernment entities that provide benefits, services, or advocacy to people, including women, children, youth, seniors, working families, and the homeless, living in poverty, appointed by the Governor.

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(6) Two individuals who live in poverty, one of whom shall represent a rural area and be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom shall represent an urban area and be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules.

1 ~~(c) The Secretary of California Health and Human Services~~
2 ~~shall serve as the chairperson of the task force. The task force shall,~~
3 ~~by majority vote, elect a vice chairperson from among members~~
4 ~~who do not represent state government. In the absence of the~~
5 ~~chairperson, the vice chairperson shall be authorized to convene~~
6 ~~the task force.~~

7 *(c) The members of the task force shall, by majority vote, select*
8 *a member to serve as the chairperson of the task force.*

9 *(d) The Secretary of California Health and Human Services or*
10 *a designated representative may participate in the task force as a*
11 *nonvoting member.*

12 ~~(d)~~

13 *(e) Upon a positive determination as described in subdivision*
14 ~~(f) (j),~~ the task force shall hold its first meeting before July 1, 2011.
15 The task force shall meet at least quarterly, at a time and location
16 convenient as the task force deems appropriate and convenient to
17 the public. All meetings of the task force shall be open to the
18 public.

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.*

24 ~~(f)~~

25 *(g) The task force shall submit to the Governor and the*
26 *Legislature, and make available to the public, an interim report on*
27 *or before July 1, 2012, and a final report on or before July 1, 2013.*
28 *The interim and final reports shall be prepared solely with private*
29 *funds and shall make use of existing data.*

30 *(1) The interim and final reports shall do both of the following:*

31 *(A) Review in detail current rates of economic security. For*
32 *purposes of this subparagraph, "economic security" means having*
33 *the income necessary to cover basic needs expenses, among*
34 *Californians at the family and county level, using both the*
35 *California Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Standard Index and*
36 *the California Elder Economic Security Standard Index.*

37 *(B) Inventory state programs targeted at increasing individual*
38 *and family economic security and reducing poverty.*

39 *(2) The interim report shall provide specific recommendations*
40 *to maximize the effectiveness of state programs and services for*

1 both the immediate and short-term timeframes, that may be
2 implemented beginning in 2012.

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

4 (A) Provide actionable, specific, and long-term
5 recommendations that will increase the effectiveness of the state's
6 efforts to increase family economic security by reducing poverty
7 in the state by 50 percent by 2020. The recommendations shall be
8 politically viable, fiscally responsible, shall include an
9 implementation plan with key milestones, and an estimate of
10 program costs or savings and of the number of individuals who
11 would benefit from the proposal.

12 (B) Provide specific recommendations on how to create a
13 self-sustaining entity to lead and coordinate the state's efforts to
14 reduce poverty in the state by 50 percent ~~in~~ by 2020, including,
15 but not limited to, the following recommendations:

16 (i) The appropriate structure of the entity.

17 (ii) The needed funding for the efforts.

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

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

21 (i) The budget for the program.

22 (ii) The program's eligibility criteria and process.

23 (iii) The number and demographic profile of clients served by
24 the program.

25 (iv) Services the program offers.

26 (v) Other state and local government entities involved in
27 planning and administering the program.

28 ~~(g)~~

29 (h) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation,
30 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for their task force expenses,
31 if the task force has sufficient funding for this purpose.

32 ~~(h)~~

33 (i) The task force shall seek funding, technical assistance, staff
34 support, and other resources from philanthropic and private
35 donations, but shall not accept any support that would pose a
36 conflict of interest or be inconsistent with the task force's goals
37 and objectives.

38 ~~(i)~~

39 (j) The task force shall be established in the executive branch
40 and shall convene only upon a determination by the Department

1 of Finance that private donations in an amount sufficient to fully
2 support the activities of the task force have been deposited with
3 the state.

4 (j)

5 (k) This act shall remain in effect only until July 1, 2013, and
6 as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is
7 chaptered before July 1, 2013, deletes or extends that date.

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