

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 4041 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Legislative Assembly, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 4041 creates the 11-member Task Force on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities charged with: (1) evaluating state programs employing people with disabilities; and (2) establishing policies and strategies for increasing opportunities for competitive integrated employment of people with disabilities in state government. The task force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature in time to work on legislative concepts for the 2019 legislative session. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2020.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

The bill requires a designee of the DHS director to serve as a member of the task force. The bill also directs DHS to provide staff support for the task force. DHS anticipates reprioritizing the duties and responsibilities of existing staff to support the task force, including attending task force meetings, compiling data, providing analysis, and preparing the report to the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly

The bill specifies that non-legislative members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation and reimbursement. However, four members of the task force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. The estimated per diem and travel reimbursement cost for the four legislative members is \$804 per day. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, and assumes per diem remains at \$142 per day, and the average mileage of 90 miles at the current rate of \$0.535 per mile. Although the 2017-19 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committee and task force, if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2017-19 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required. The task force would not incur additional costs to the Legislative Assembly budget if the meetings are held at the Capitol building during Legislative Session, Task force or Legislative Days.

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Participation on the task force is anticipated to have minimal impact on DAS. The bill requires the director of DAS or a designee to serve as a member of the task force. DAS anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force, and to play a role in furnishing the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support. However, if DAS is expected to perform additional research and/or data collection, these costs cannot be quantified until the task force convenes and defines the scope of this work.