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2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

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7 An Act relating to marriage and family; creating the
8 Alimony Guidelines Task Force; stating purpose of
9 Task Force; providing for membership; providing for
10 service of members and vacancy; providing for date of
11 appointment; providing for quorum; requiring
12 designation of cochairs by certain persons; providing
13 for convening of certain meeting and scheduling of
14 subsequent meetings; providing for staff; prohibiting
15 compensation; authorizing travel reimbursement;
16 directing Task Force to make certain recommendations;
17 requiring certain publication; providing for
18 codification; and providing an effective date.

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1 B. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to require a base-
2 line determination of the purpose of ordering support alimony,
3 either for rehabilitation or as a lifetime award and to determine
4 whether a statutory alimony guideline would be practicable. The
5 Task Force shall examine the issue and report to the President Pro
6 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives no later than January 1, 2013, and recommend a
8 proposed alimony guideline or, if the Task Force determines that a
9 guideline is not a practical and effective idea, the Task Force
10 shall recommend that no guideline be developed.

11 C. The Task Force shall consist of twelve (12) members as
12 follows:

13 1. Five members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
14 the Senate as follows:

- 15 a. three family court judges whose primary responsibility
16 is in the area of marriage dissolution, and
- 17 b. two practicing attorneys who have no less than ten
18 (10) years of experience in litigation primarily in
19 the area of marriage dissolution;

20 2. Five members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives as follows:

- 22 a. one professor of law at a state law school who has
23 specialized in teaching family law and is aware of
24 current case and common law with respect to the

1 dissolution of marriage and the imposition of alimony
2 awards,

3 b. two family court judges whose primary responsibility
4 is in the area of marriage dissolution, and

5 c. two practicing attorneys who have no less than ten
6 (10) years of experience in litigation primarily in
7 the area of marriage dissolution; and

8 3. Two members who shall be attorneys who have no less than ten
9 (10) years of experience in the area of marriage dissolution to be
10 appointed by the Governor.

11 D. 1. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing
12 authorities. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the
13 original appointing authority.

14 2. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made by December 31,
15 2012.

16 3. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute
17 a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act
18 for the Task Force.

19 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of
20 the House of Representatives shall each designate a cochair from
21 among the members of the Task Force.

22 5. The cochairs of the Task Force shall convene the first
23 meeting of the Task Force on or before January 15, 2013, at which
24 time a schedule of the meetings shall be determined.

1 E. The Task Force may use the services of the staffs of the
2 Senate and the House of Representatives and may, as necessary, seek
3 the advice and services of experts in the area of dissolution of
4 marriage and alimony settlements.

5 F. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for
6 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement pursuant to
7 the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

8 G. The Task Force shall publish and submit to the President Pro
9 Tempore, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
10 Governor its findings and recommendations by January 31, 2013,
11 including recommendations for any resulting legislation.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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