

(2) develop options for addressing the unfunded liability associated with State retiree health care that will have to be included on the State's financial statements beginning in fiscal 2007 as a result of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement 45, and evaluate the costs associated with each option;

~~(3) consider implementing a defined contribution retirement system as the primary retirement system for State employees, rather than the existing defined benefit plan; and~~

~~(4) study other states with defined contribution retirement systems as their primary retirement system.~~

(e) The Task Force shall be staffed by the Department of Legislative Services.

(f) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2005.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 10, 2005.

CHAPTER 299

(Senate Bill 319)

AN ACT concerning

~~**Procurement—Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Participation**~~
Task Force on Assistance to Disabled Veterans Establishing Small
Businesses

~~FOR the purpose of establishing a preference for certain disabled veterans for certain procurements; requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to jointly establish certain procurement goals with certain procurement units; requiring certain procurement units to determine if certain responsible bidders or offerors have acted in good faith to fulfill certain procurement goals; establishing criteria for determining if certain responsible bidders and offerors acted in good faith to fulfill certain procurement goals; requiring a certain agency to establish certain regulations to certify and decertify disabled veteran business enterprises; requiring a certain agency to designate a certain advocate to oversee, promote, and coordinate disabled veteran business enterprise participation; requiring certain procurement units to adopt certain rules and regulations; requiring certain procurement units to designate a certain advocate to oversee, promote, and coordinate disabled veteran business enterprise participation; requiring certain procurement units to make certain reports on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to make certain reports on or~~