

(2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

(D) THE OFFICE ~~OF THE GOVERNOR~~ FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF TO THE TASK FORCE.

(E) A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

(1) STUDY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON:

(I) BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVING THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION LEVELS OF LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS;

(II) METHODS TO EDUCATE PARENTS ON THE NEED TO HAVE LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS;

(III) THE AMOUNT THE STATE PAYS TO PURCHASE CARE FOR ~~INDIGENT~~ ELIGIBLE CHILDREN; AND

(IV) THE COMPENSATION LEVELS OF EMPLOYEES OF CHILD DAY CARE CENTERS, INCLUDING:

- 1. CHILD CARE WORKERS;
- 2. ASSISTANTS
- 3. TEACHERS; AND
- 4. DIRECTORS;

(2) REVIEW CURRENT STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES THAT SUPPORT ADEQUATE COMPENSATION OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS;

(3) MAKE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS; AND

(4) PREPARE A REPORT SUMMARIZING ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

(G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL SUBMIT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1996.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

Approved May 2, 1994.