

reforms on liability insurance; and recent national studies on the causes and extent of the liability insurance crisis.

The Committee submitted its report to the Governor in December 1986.

JOINT EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

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In response to problems resulting from the sharp increase in malpractice insurance costs, the Governor created the Joint Executive/Legislative Task Force on Medical Malpractice Insurance in July 1985. The Task Force charge was to evaluate the impact of higher professional liability insurance on the continued availability and affordability of medical services. The Task Force examined the effects of an increasing number of claims and awards on the practice of medicine and costs of health care. In addition, the Task Force reviewed the current health claims arbitration process.

Examining the causes of medical injuries and the measures for reducing them, the Task Force also was to consider strengthened health care provider licensure and discipline standards, peer review, and hospital quality assurance mechanisms.

The Task Force reported its findings in December 1985.

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On October 31, 1985, the Commission submitted its final report to the Governor and General Assembly.

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The Commission reported to the Governor in 1985. Commission recommendations were incorporated into legislation proposed and enacted in 1986 (Chapters 636 and 637, Acts of 1986). This legislation repealed the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Law and reenacted it as the Developmental Disabilities Law (Code Health—General Article, Title 7).

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