

- (e) The members of the Task Force shall represent geographic, ethnic, and cultural differences throughout the State.
- (f) The Task Force may request assistance and information from any government unit or other expert that the Task Force considers appropriate.
- (g) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.
- (h) A member of the Task Force:
 - (1) may not receive compensation AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE; but
 - (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- (i) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations on veterans issues including:
 - (1) the efficacy of the services and benefits for veterans to determine how well the services and benefits help eligible individuals obtain benefits and whether these are being obtained in a timely manner;
 - (2) whether there are enough advocate offices to efficiently help all eligible individuals receive assistance;
 - (3) the potential impact of the increased number of veterans returning from military service in recent conflicts on services provided by the State;
 - (4) what services are provided to veterans, veterans' families and survivors and what services need to be provided including medical care, hospice care, and mental health services;
 - (5) the feasibility of establishing homes for veterans in the Crownsville Hospital Center and other regions of the State;
 - (6) the feasibility of establishing regional outreach and advocacy centers around the State and using existing service centers as outreach and advocacy centers;
 - (7) the identification of State and federal benefits and services and how to make them more comprehensive;