

(5) identify and make recommendations regarding any other issues, including current State laws or regulations affecting the efficiency and cost of procuring health and social services.

(h) In evaluating processes and formulating recommendations, the Task Force shall especially consider:

- (1) the effect of procurement processes on quality and continuity of services;
- (2) the costs and benefits of existing procurement procedures; and
- (3) the effects of procurement requirements on the number and diversity of potential providers of services contracted by the State.

(i) The Task Force shall report its preliminary findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before November 30, 2008.

(j) The Task Force shall report its final findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before November 30, 2009.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.

CHAPTER 439

(House Bill 527)

AN ACT concerning

Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health and Social Services by State Agencies

FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health and Social Services by State Agencies; providing for the membership and duties of the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the Task Force;