

(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving as a member of the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall study financial matters relating to long-term care facilities, including:

(1) ~~Disclosure of ownership of long-term care facilities;~~

~~(2) Expanding the definition of controlling interest based on shifts in ownership structures to include all subsidiary operators;~~

~~(3) Developing financial triggers under which long-term care facilities must disclose impending financial difficulty; and~~

(4) Whether there are trends in ownership of long-term care facilities in Maryland in comparison to any national trends regarding long-term care facility ownership;

(2) Whether any trends in long-term care facility ownership impact the quality of care offered to residents of long-term care facilities;

(3) Whether the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene should assert limitations or restrictions on certain types of ownership of long-term care facilities;

(4) Whether current laws governing ownership of long-term care facilities should be amended;

(5) Whether long-term care facilities should be required to have liability insurance; and

(6) Funding mechanisms for implementing recommendations of the Task Force that would require a State agency or division to acquire specific resources or expertise to address issues raised by the Task Force.

(g) (1) On or before ~~December 1~~ July 1, 2009, the Task Force shall submit ~~a final~~ an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.