

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1308**

---

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

---

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman GABRIELA M. MOSQUERA**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**Assemblywoman CAROL A. MURPHY**

**District 7 (Burlington)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Lampitt and Assemblyman Giblin**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes the New Jersey Task Force on Child Support Reform.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1   **AN ACT** creating the New Jersey Task Force on Child Support  
2       Reform.

3

4       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5       *of New Jersey:*

6

7       1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Jersey  
8       Task Force on Child Support Reform Act."

9

10      2. New Jersey Task Force on Child Support Reform,  
11       established; purpose.

12       There is established the "New Jersey Task Force on Child  
13       Support Reform." The purpose of the task force is to study current  
14       law, policies and procedures of New Jersey's child support  
15       program and related statutes, to identify problems, and to make  
16       recommendations for legislation and strategies to create a more  
17       effective and efficient program in the State.

18

19      3. Task force membership. The task force shall consist of 16  
20       members as follows: the Commissioner of Human Services, the  
21       Commissioner of Corrections, the Commissioner of Labor and  
22       Workforce Development, the Attorney General, the Chief Justice of  
23       the Supreme Court, the Public Defender, or their designees, as ex  
24       officio members; two members of the Senate and two members of  
25       the General Assembly, no more than one of whom in each case shall  
26       be of the same political party; and six public members to be  
27       appointed by the Governor.

28       The public members shall be multi-disciplinary child support  
29       professionals and interested laypersons.

30       The task force shall be co-chaired; one co-chair shall be the  
31       Commissioner of Human Services and the other shall be appointed  
32       by the Governor from among the public members and shall serve at  
33       the pleasure of the Governor.

34

35      4. Vacancies; compensation. Vacancies in the membership of  
36       the task force shall be filled in the same manner provided for the  
37       original appointments. The members of the task force shall serve  
38       without compensation but may be reimbursed for traveling and  
39       other miscellaneous expenses necessary to perform their duties,  
40       within the limits of funds made available to the task force for its  
41       purposes.

42

43      5. Providing staff. The Department of Human Services shall  
44       provide professional and clerical staff to the task force as necessary  
45       to effectuate the purposes of this act.

46

47      6. Task force's use of services and consultants.

48       a. The task force shall be entitled to call upon the services of

1 any State, county or municipal department, board, commission or  
2 agency, as may be available to it for these purposes, and to incur  
3 such traveling and other miscellaneous expenses as it may deem  
4 necessary for the proper execution of its duties and as may be  
5 within the limit of funds appropriated or otherwise made available  
6 to it for these purposes.

7 b. The task force shall consult with such organizations and  
8 associations as Advocates for Children of New Jersey, the New  
9 Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Inc.,  
10 the New Jersey State Nurses Association, the New Jersey Education  
11 Association, Foster and Adoptive Family Services, and the  
12 Graduate School of Social Work of Rutgers, The State University.

13  
14 7. Meetings; hearings. The task force may meet and hold  
15 hearings at such places as it shall designate during the sessions or  
16 recesses of the Legislature.

17  
18 8. Funds, solicitation, use. The task force may solicit, receive,  
19 disburse and monitor grants and other funds made available from  
20 any governmental, public, private, not-for-profit or for-profit  
21 agency, including funds made available under any federal or State  
22 law, regulation or program.

23  
24 9. Report. The task force shall present a report of its findings  
25 and recommendations to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of  
26 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature no later than 18  
27 months after the organization of the task force. The task force shall  
28 dissolve three months after presenting the report.

29  
30 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

31  
32  
33 STATEMENT

34  
35 This bill creates a 16-member task force to review current law,  
36 practices and procedures of New Jersey's child support program  
37 and related statutes.

38 The task force would consist of the Commissioner of Human  
39 Services, the Commissioner of Corrections, the Commissioner of  
40 Labor and Workforce Development, the Attorney General, the Chief  
41 Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Public Defender, or their  
42 designees, as ex officio members; two members of the Senate and  
43 two members of the General Assembly, no more than one of whom  
44 in each case shall be of the same political party; and six public  
45 members to be appointed by the Governor.

46 The public members would be multi-disciplinary child support  
47 professionals and interested laypersons.

48 The bill provides that the task force would consult with such

1 organizations and associations as Advocates for Children of New  
2 Jersey, the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of  
3 Social Workers, Inc., the New Jersey State Nurses Association, the  
4 New Jersey Education Association, Foster and Adoptive Family  
5 Services, and the Graduate School of Social Work of Rutgers, The  
6 State University.

7 This bill directs the task force to submit a report to the  
8 Legislature no later than 18 months after the organization of the  
9 task force with recommendations for legislation and strategies to  
10 create a more effective and efficient program.