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BILL 6

Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force

SHORT TITLE: "Economic Opportunity Task Force"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY POVERTY**
 102 **REDUCTION TASK FORCE. <{*or just "concerning the task force"***
 103 ***- do you want to keep it broad for maximum flexibility?}>***

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force.
 Specifies that the duties of the economic opportunity poverty reduction task force (task force) include developing a relevant, fluid model for assessing progress toward reducing poverty and increasing economic opportunity in Colorado. Provides that the task force will recommend

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
 Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

that the general assembly adopt the task force's model for purposes of evaluating the effectiveness of certain public programs and policies in achieving the goals of the task force.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 2-2-1405 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 **2-2-1405. Economic opportunity poverty reduction task force**
5 **- duties.** (2) To carry out its duties pursuant to this section, the task
6 force, at a minimum, shall:

7 (a) Study and evaluate best policies and practices that:

8 (I) Build family assets and financial stability;

9 (II) Increase preschool through postsecondary educational
10 opportunities;

11 (III) Expand the work force with quality jobs that meet private
12 sector needs;

13 (IV) Make work pay through the use of fair and sustainable
14 targeted tax policies; and

15 (V) Address work-support issues;

16 (b) Study and evaluate:

17 (I) Federally supported and state-supported programs that serve
18 persons living in poverty;

19 (II) The economic impact of poverty;

20 (III) Current policies and services that affect persons living below
21 the self-sufficiency standard;

22 (IV) How various issues interact to impact poverty, such as a lack
23 of education, health care, housing, income, child care, and food security;

24 (V) The Colorado works program, with the goal of recommending

1 changes to increase pathways to self-sufficiency; and

2 (VI) The supplemental nutrition assistance program, with the goal
3 of recommending changes to increase participation and secure additional
4 federal dollars for assistance with education and training; and

5 (c) DEVELOP A RELEVANT, FLUID MODEL FOR ONGOING
6 ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCING POVERTY AND INCREASING
7 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN COLORADO AND RECOMMEND THAT THE
8 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPT THE TASK FORCE'S MODEL FOR PURPOSES OF
9 EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND
10 POLICIES AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC PROGRAMS IN
11 ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE TASK FORCE; AND

12 (c) (d) Review findings and make legislative recommendations,
13 each year, if appropriate, to the legislative council in conformance with
14 rule 24 of the joint rules of the senate and the house of representatives.
15 Legislation recommended by the task force shall be treated as legislation
16 recommended by an interim legislative committee for purposes of any
17 introduction deadlines or bill limitations imposed by the joint rules of the
18 general assembly.

19 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
20 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
22 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a
23 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
24 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
25 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
26 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

1 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official
2 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.