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8 9	HOUSE AMENDMENT "" to H.P. 739, L.D. 1001, "An Act To Ensure Parents' Access to Their Minor and Adult Children with Special Needs"
10	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
11 12 13	'Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study Procedures To Ensure Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Have Access to Family Members during Hospitalizations'
14	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:
15 16 17 18	'Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force To Study Procedures To Ensure Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Have Access to Family Members during Hospitalizations, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established.
19 20	Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the task force consists of 17 members appointed as follows:
21 22	1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
23 24 25	2. Five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
26	3. One member who represents a statewide hospital association;
27 28	4. One member who represents a statewide nursing home or residential care association;
29 30	5. One member who represents a statewide organization that advocates for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism;
31	6. Two members who represent individuals working in the health care industry;
32 33	7. Two members who are the parent or guardian of an individual with an intellectual disability or autism in the State;
34 35	8. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee; and

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9. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.

2 Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first Senate member appointed by the President 3 of the Senate and the first House member appointed by the Speaker of the House are the 4 cochairs of the task force.

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved: That all 5 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this 6 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative 7 8 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the cochairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more 9 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been 10 made, the cochairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority 11 12 for the task force to meet and conduct its business.

13 Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall review current policies regarding 14 parental or guardian access to a hospitalized individual with intellectual disabilities or 15 autism with particular focus on access during a pandemic or similar situation. The review 16 must consider remote access policies and in-person access policies with the goal of 17 ensuring the most access possible while still ensuring the safety of patients, guardians, 18 health care workers and the public at large.

19 Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the 20 Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force, except that 21 Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or 22 special session.

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 1, 2021, the task force
shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services that
includes its findings and recommendations, including any suggested legislation, for
presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or sectionnumber to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

30 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment establishes the 31 17-member Task Force To Study Procedures To Ensure Individuals with Intellectual 32 Disabilities or Autism Have Access to Family Members during Hospitalizations to review current policies regarding parental or guardian access to a hospitalized individual with 33 intellectual disabilities or autism. The amendment requires that the task force submit a 34 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than 35 December 1, 2021. The amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency 36 37 clause.

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