

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 2529**

"AN ACT TO TRANSFER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN SERVICES TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT."

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2529.**

Amend House Bill No. 2529 as originally introduced:

Delete the Title and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COMBINED  
DIVISIONS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND BUREAU OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE  
PREVENTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

AND

"AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COMBINED  
DIVISIONS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND BUREAU OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE  
PREVENTION. "

AND

Page 1, delete lines 21 through 23 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. (a) The General Assembly finds that the Division of  
Mental Health Services of the Department of Human Services and the Bureau of  
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention of the Department of Health would operate  
more effectively if combined within a single organizational structure.

(b) There is created a Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and  
Drug Abuse Prevention to study and make recommendations on the most effective  
and efficient organizational structure to house a combined Division of Mental  
Health Services and Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention."

AND

Page 1, line 24 delete "(b)" and substitute "(c)(1)"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 25 through 36 and substitute the following:

"thereafter, the Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
Prevention shall provide reports to the House and Senate Interim Committees

on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor detailing progress toward submitting a final recommendation.

(2) The Task Force shall submit its final recommendations to the chairpersons of the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and to the directors of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health on or before March 1, 2002.

(d) The Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention shall be comprised of seven (7) members to include the Directors of the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, one (1) member appointed by the Governor, two (2) members appointed by the House chair of the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, and two (2) members appointed by the Senate chair of the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

(e) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Health shall cooperate with the Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and shall provide the Task Force with such reasonable assistance and resources as the Task Force determines is necessary to complete its work.

(f)(1) Unless otherwise amended, the provisions of this subchapter shall remain in effect until June 30, 2003.

(2) The Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention is abolished effective June 30, 2003."

AND

And Page 2, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Representative T. Steele  
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Chief Clerk