

**CHAPTER NO. 950**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2916**

**By Harper**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2757**

**By Pruitt, Armstrong, Patton, Ferguson, Miller, Brenda Turner, Langster, Marero, Henri Brooks, Brown**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 50; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to agencies serving the elderly and disabled populations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. (a) There is established a task force on services for elderly and disabled Tennesseans. The task force shall consist of ten (10) members, which shall include four (4) members of the senate and four (4) members of the House of Representatives who shall be appointed by the respective speakers, and two (2) members to be appointed by the governor from among the governor's staff members.

(b) The task force shall examine the recommendations of the comptroller of the treasury's report "Serving the Aged and Disabled: Progress and Issues" (December 2003). The task force shall develop recommendations for restructuring services and supports to the aged and disabled populations, with particular attention to those programs and populations that have some relationship to the commission on aging. The task force shall review the functions of the various departments and agencies related to the protection and provision of long-term care needs for the elderly and the disabled.

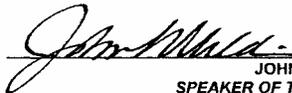
(c) The task force shall be convened by the member of the general assembly with the longest legislative service. At the organizational meeting, a chair, a vice-chair and secretary shall be elected from the task force's membership.

(d) The commission on aging and disability shall provide primary staff support to the task force with assistance from the Department of Finance and Administration and the comptroller. The task force is also authorized to request and receive assistance from any department, agency or entity of state government, upon request of the chair.

(e) The task force shall report its findings and any recommended legislation to the House Health and Human Resources Committee and the Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee on or before January 15, 2005.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 20, 2004

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR