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Summary SB 16 PN 1722

This legislation establishes a lead task force with the Commonwealth's Joint State Government Commission for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of the health concerns, prevalence and remedies associated with lead exposure.

The task force shall be comprised of:

- The following or their designees:
 - The Secretary of Health
 - The Secretary of Environmental Protection
 - The Secretary of Education
 - The Secretary of Human Services
 - The chair of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
 - The executive director of the Pennsylvania Housing and Finance Agency and
 - The Physician General
- The executive director of the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania
- Nine members appointed by the commission to include:
 - Two pediatric doctors with experience in lead poisoning
 - One parent of a child with elevated lead levels
 - A representative of:
 - municipal water authorities
 - Rural water companies
 - Investor-owned water companies
 - A individual certified to remediate lead
 - A school maintenance worker in:
 - An urban school district and
 - A rural school district
- Two members of the Senate of which one shall be appointed by the President pro tempore and one by the Minority Leader of the Senate
- Two members of the House of Representatives of which one shall be appointed by the Speaker and one by the Minority Leader

The task force shall work with the Department of Health to assess lead as a public health concern by reviewing the Commonwealth's laws, regulations, policies and procedures and comparing them to other states'.

The task force shall specifically assess:

- The age of the Commonwealth's housing, water pipelines, school buildings and day-care facilities
- The threat of lead exposure to public health
- The prevalence of lead in homes, schools, day-cares and other places children spend the majority of their time
- The Commonwealth's testing and remediation
- The cost of remediating hazard and potential funding sources

A report containing recommendations and findings shall be submitted by the task force no later than December 31, 2017 and sent to:

- The Governor
- The President pro tempore of the Senate
- The Minority Leader of the Senate
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives
- The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives

Upon submission, a notice shall also be sent to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Once the notice is published, the act will expire.

The task force shall hold its first meeting within 60 days of the effective date of the act. The commission shall provide office space, administrative and technical support.

Effective Date

This act shall take effect immediately.

A08354 – Clarifies that meetings of the task force shall be at the discretion of the commission.