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A BILL

To establish the Task Force on Faith-Based 1
Organizations and to require that it recommend the 2
best means for the state to assist faith-based 3
organizations in providing public services and in 4
cooperating with public agencies in assisting those 5
who receive public services. 6

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

Section 1. (A)(1) There is hereby created the Task Force on 7
Faith-Based Organizations, which shall consist of seventeen 8
members. 9

(2) The Directors of Administrative Services, Aging, Alcohol 10
and Drug Addiction Services, Budget and Management, Development, 11
Job and Family Services, and Youth Services shall each appoint to 12
the Task Force one employee of that Director's department or 13
office. 14

(3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 15
to the Task Force two members of the House of Representatives, not 16
more than one of whom shall be from the same political party. The 17
President of the Senate shall appoint to the Task Force two 18

members of the Senate, not more than one of whom shall be from the
same political party and at least one of whom shall be from the
legislative black caucus.

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(4) The Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
and President of the Senate shall each appoint to the Task Force
two representatives of the faith-based and nonprofit community.

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(B) The appointments to the Task Force shall be made within
thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
that occurs on the Task Force shall be filled in the same manner
as the original appointment. The members of the Task Force shall
serve without compensation.

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(C) At its initial meeting, the Task Force shall elect a
chairperson and other officers it considers necessary. The
chairperson shall be a member of the Task Force who is a member of
the House of Representatives.

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(D) The Department of Job and Family Services shall provide
office space, staff, supplies, services, and other support to the
Task Force.

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(E) The Task Force shall do both of the following:

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(1) Recommend the best means to provide state and federal
funds to faith-based organizations so that they may provide public
services in a manner that complies with both the United States
Constitution and the Ohio Constitution;

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(2) Recommend the best means to remove any barriers that may
exist to faith-based organizations cooperating with public
agencies in assisting those who receive public services.

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(F) This section does not prevent, and shall not be construed
to prevent, any faith-based organization from providing public
services, or from cooperating with public agencies in assisting
those who receive public services, in any manner authorized under

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current law.

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(G) The Task Force shall issue a report of its
recommendations by not later than eight months after the effective
date of this section. The Task Force shall provide a copy of the
report to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
and President of the Senate.

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Section 2. Upon the issuance of its report or twelve months
after the effective date of this section, whichever occurs first,
the Task Force on Faith-Based Organizations shall cease to exist.

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