

HB 973 -- TASK FORCE ON PRISON TO PROSPERITY

SPONSOR: Franks Jr.

The bill establishes the "Task Force on Prison to Prosperity." The task force will develop a statewide plan for prison to prosperity programs for 17 to 24 year olds to assist in the transition from incarceration to being a productive community citizen. The plan shall include specified items including education, job training, mental health and behavioral treatment, mentoring, financial literacy and expungement of juvenile records.

The task force consists of 18 specified members who will serve without compensation. The Speaker of the House of Representatives will appoint a chairperson and vice chairperson. The members of the task force shall meet at least quarterly and submit a recommendation for a statewide plan to the General Assembly by December 31, 2018.

The provisions of this bill will terminate on May 31, 2019.

This bill has an emergency clause.