

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and  
Substance Use Disorders

AN ACT in relation to establishing the fentanyl abuse and overdose  
prevention task force; and providing for the repeal of such provisions  
upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. The legislature hereby establishes the fentanyl abuse and  
2 overdose prevention task force, referred to hereinafter as the "task  
3 force" to conduct a comprehensive study on fentanyl abuse and overdose  
4 prevention and to report on the findings and recommendations of the task  
5 force.
- 6 § 2. Such task force shall consist of sixteen members with demon-  
7 strated experience in issues relating to the work of the task force.  
8 The members of the task force shall be appointed as follows:
- 9 (a) three members shall be appointed by the governor;  
10 (b) two members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the  
11 senate;  
12 (c) two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly;  
13 (d) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assem-  
14 bly;  
15 (e) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the  
16 senate;  
17 (f) one member shall be the commissioner of health or their designee;  
18 (g) one member shall be the commissioner of the office of mental  
19 health or their designee;  
20 (h) one member shall be the commissioner of the office of addiction  
21 services and supports or their designee;  
22 (i) one member shall be the president of the district attorney's asso-  
23 ciation of the state of New York or their designee;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (j) one member shall be the superintendent of the state police or  
2 their designee;

3 (k) one member shall be the president of the New York state associ-  
4 ation of counties or their designee; and

5 (l) one member shall be the president of the medical society of New  
6 York state or their designee.

7 § 3. The task force shall be chaired by a member appointed by the  
8 governor. The members of the task force shall elect a vice-chair and  
9 other necessary officers from among all appointed members. A majority of  
10 the members of the task force then in office shall constitute a quorum.  
11 The task force shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the chair.  
12 Meetings may be held via teleconference. Special meetings may be called  
13 by the chair at the request of a majority of the members of the task  
14 force. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their  
15 services but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in  
16 the performance of their duties in the work of the task force.

17 § 4. Appointments shall be made within 60 days of the effective date  
18 of this act. Any vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be  
19 filled in the same manner provided for in the initial appointment.

20 § 5. The task force may consult with any organization, government  
21 entity, or person, in the development of its report required under  
22 section six of this act.

23 § 6. On or before one year after the effective date of this act, the  
24 task force shall submit to the governor, the temporary president of the  
25 senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate  
26 and the minority leader of the assembly a report containing the findings  
27 and recommendations of the task force.

28 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire 2 years  
29 after it shall have become a law when upon such date the provisions of  
30 this act shall be deemed repealed.