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## JOINT INTERIM TASK FORCE ON REENTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

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**To:** Senate Interim Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood  
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Kevin Hayden, Legislative Administrator

**From:** Joint Interim Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing

**Date:** December 11, 2015

**Subject:** Progress Report

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The Joint Interim Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing (the Task Force), has formed pursuant to Senate Bill 969 (2015). Senate Bill 969 calls for a report to the above-named legislative committees by December 15, 2015; however, the Task Force was only able to hold its first meeting on December 10, 2015, through no fault or delay on the part of its appointees. Among the first handful of organizational items the Task Force addressed at its first meeting, was the impossibility of preparing a thorough or meaningful report in time to meet the deadline. The Task Force agreed instead to prepare this memo by the deadline, and a final report by late summer or early fall of 2016.

At its first meeting, the Task Force selected a Chair, adopted rules, reviewed the requirements of Senate Bill 969, and its appointees introduced themselves and engaged in an open discussion to identify issues for possible legislative attention, such as back ground check requirements, apprenticeship and work release programs, transitional and long term housing, and debt deferment and elimination. The Task Force agreed to meet once monthly starting January 2016, excepting February 2016, with future meeting dates to be determined.