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Overview

This act requires the commissioner of public safety (“commissioner”) to coordinate a task force to study issues surrounding recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance personnel, and volunteer emergency responders. Once convened, the task force is responsible for any costs, selecting a chair, and reporting its findings and recommendations, if any, to the commissioner by December 15, 2006.

Volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance personnel, and volunteer emergency responders must constitute a majority of the members of the task force, and each of these groups must be represented on the task force in equal numbers. Membership on the task force is open to all stakeholders, but the commissioner may limit the number of individuals representing a particular organization or department.