

House File 741

H-1220

1 Amend House File 741 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. STATEWIDE NOTIFICATION CENTER TASK FORCE.

5 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
6 requires:

7 a. "Board" means the utilities board within the utilities
8 division of the department of commerce.

9 b. "Excavator" means the same as defined in section 480.1.

10 c. "Locator" means a person who engages in, or proposes to
11 engage in, the location and marking of underground facilities
12 pursuant to a contract with an operator. "Locator" does not
13 include an employee of an operator.

14 d. "Notification center" means the same as defined in
15 section 480.1.

16 e. "Operator" means the same as defined in section 480.1.

17 f. "Underground facility" means the same as defined in
18 section 480.1.

19 2. The utilities division of the department of commerce
20 shall convene and oversee a task force to conduct a study of
21 the operation and effectiveness of the notification center.
22 The study shall include an examination of all of the following:

23 a. The impact of a change from the forty-eight-hour
24 notification period specified in section 480.4 to a different
25 notification period.

26 b. Options and recommendations for the development of a
27 certificate program for locators in the state.

28 c. How the board and the office of the attorney general may
29 collaborate and make recommendations regarding improvements to
30 the operation of the notification center.

31 d. How to improve the process for obtaining the
32 recommendations of the board of directors of the notification
33 center regarding potential changes to chapter 480.

34 e. Whether a legislative interim study committee should
35 be established to provide recommendations regarding potential

1 changes to chapter 480.

2 f. The timeliness and accuracy of requests to locate
3 underground facilities.

4 g. Options and recommendations for improving compliance
5 with chapter 480.

6 h. Methods for resolving complaints associated with the
7 notification center.

8 i. Options and recommendations for the administrative
9 implementation of improvements to the operation of the
10 notification center.

11 j. Any other metrics or measurements related to the
12 notification center.

13 3. a. The task force shall consist of the following members
14 appointed by the utilities division of the department of
15 commerce:

16 (1) One representative of the board of directors of the
17 notification center.

18 (2) One representative of the board.

19 (3) One representative of the office of the attorney
20 general.

21 (4) One representative of a city or county.

22 (5) One representative of a rate-regulated gas or electric
23 public utility.

24 (6) One representative of a gas or electric public utility
25 that is operated on a nonprofit basis.

26 (7) One representative of a municipal utility.

27 (8) One representative of a public utility that furnishes
28 communications services to the public for compensation.

29 (9) One representative of any of the following:

30 (a) A public utility that furnishes water by piped
31 distribution system to the public for compensation.

32 (b) A public utility that furnishes sanitary sewage or
33 storm water drainage disposal by piped collection system to the
34 public for compensation.

35 (10) One representative of an excavator.

1 (11) One representative of a locator.

2 b. The task force shall also consist of the following
3 nonvoting, ex officio members:

4 (1) The chairperson of the senate standing committee on
5 commerce, or the chairperson's designee.

6 (2) The ranking member of the senate standing committee on
7 commerce, or the ranking member's designee.

8 (3) The chairperson of the house of representatives'
9 standing committee on commerce, or the chairperson's designee.

10 (4) The ranking member of the house of representatives'
11 standing committee on commerce, or the ranking member's
12 designee.

13 4. The task force shall submit a report, including findings
14 and recommendations for policy changes, to the members of the
15 general assembly by December 31, 2021.>

16 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting
17 <An Act establishing a task force relating to the statewide
18 notification center.>

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