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Bill Number: HB1935

Patron: **Bolling**

Bill Title: Department of Housing and Community Development; Income Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force established; report.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish, in collaboration with the Department of Energy, and with assistance from the Department of Social Services, the Income Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force to evaluate ways to coordinate government and utility services and resources to more effectively deliver energy efficient housing, weatherization resources, and energy efficiency upgrades for low-income individuals and households in the Commonwealth residing in small and large multifamily buildings, single-family dwellings, and manufactured homes. The bill requires the Task Force to meet at least six times between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2026, and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations no later than October 30, 2026. The bill specifies that such report shall include policy recommendations and a plan to ensure that weatherization-ready repairs and whole-home energy efficiency retrofits are provided to all eligible low-income individuals and households in the Commonwealth residing in small and large multifamily buildings, single-family dwellings, and manufactured homes by December 31, 2033.

Budget Amendment Necessary: **No.**

Items Impacted: **None.**

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Social Services; however, no budget amendment is required.

Fiscal Summary: Associated costs can be absorbed within current resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. The bill directs the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to establish, in collaboration with the Department of Energy (Energy), and with assistance from the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Income Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force. The Task Force is required to meet at least six times between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2026, and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations no later than October 30, 2026.

DHCD anticipates a cost of approximately \$22,000 to convene and support the Task Force meetings and the report. While the agency believes it can absorb the cost of this bill, the cumulative impact of this and other bills may require additional resources. It is anticipated that DSS can absorb any costs within current resources. Information from Energy is not available at this time.

Other: Line 21 of the bill states that the report shall be due "by September 30, 2026." However, line 56 provides that the report shall be due "On or before October 30, 2026."