

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to an unexplained rise in the killings  
 3           of law enforcement officers; creating the Florida  
 4           Statewide Task Force on an Unexplained Rise in the  
 5           Killings of Law Enforcement Officers; providing  
 6           legislative intent; providing for the purpose,  
 7           membership, meetings, and duties of the task force;  
 8           providing for reimbursement for per diem and travel  
 9           expenses; requiring a report to the Legislature;  
 10          providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14           Section 1. Florida Statewide Task Force on an Unexplained  
 15 Rise in the Killings of Law Enforcement Officers.-

16           (1) The Legislature declares that the purpose of this act  
 17 is to create a task force to examine the rising number of deaths  
 18 of law enforcement officers in this state, including those  
 19 resulting from blows to the head.

20           (2) (a) The Florida Statewide Task Force on an Unexplained  
 21 Rise in the Killings of Law Enforcement Officers, a task force  
 22 as defined in s. 20.03(8), Florida Statutes, is created within  
 23 the Department of Legal Affairs. The task force is created for  
 24 the express purpose of examining, analyzing, and providing  
 25 substantive and qualitative solutions to the rising number of  
 26 deaths of law enforcement officers in this state, including  
 27 those caused by fatal blows to the head, and providing policy  
 28 recommendations to the Legislature.

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29        (b) The task force shall consist of the following members  
30 or their designees:

31        1. The Attorney General, who shall serve as chair.

32        2. The executive director of the Department of Law  
33 Enforcement.

34        3. The executive director of the Fish and Wildlife  
35 Conservation Commission.

36        4. The director of the Division of Highway Patrol of the  
37 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

38        5. A representative from the Florida Sheriffs Association.

39        6. A representative from the Police Benevolent  
40 Association.

41        (c) Members of the task force may be reimbursed for per  
42 diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida  
43 Statutes.

44        (d) The Department of Legal Affairs shall provide the task  
45 force with the staff necessary to assist the task force in the  
46 performance of its duties.

47        (3) The task force shall hold its organizational session  
48 by May 1, 2012. A majority of the members of the task force  
49 constitutes a quorum.

50        (4) The task force shall collect and organize data  
51 concerning the dangers to in this state caused by the increasing  
52 frequency of attacks on law enforcement officer, including blows  
53 to the head.

54        (5) The task force shall submit a report on its findings  
55 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
56 Representatives by January 15, 2013.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.