

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Urban and Inner-City Crime and
 3 Gun Violence Prevention Commission; providing a short
 4 title; providing legislative findings; creating the
 5 Urban and Inner-City Crime and Gun Violence
 6 Commission; providing for membership; providing for
 7 staff support; providing requirements for meetings;
 8 specifying duties; providing for powers of the
 9 commission; requiring the executive director of the
 10 Department of Law Enforcement to issue subpoenas to
 11 aid the commission in specified ways; authorizing the
 12 commission to seek assistance from state agencies;
 13 authorizing the commission to access certain
 14 confidential and exempt information or records;
 15 providing requirements for such access; requiring
 16 reports; providing for sunset of the commission and
 17 repeal of provisions; providing an appropriation;
 18 providing an effective date.

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 20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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22 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "The Urban and
 23 Inner-City Crime and Gun Violence Prevention Act."

24 Section 2. The Legislature finds there is a need to
 25 comprehensively address the crisis of crime and gun violence in

26 Florida's urban and inner-city communities. The Legislature
27 intends to address this crisis by providing cities, counties,
28 and local and state law enforcement agencies and the courts with
29 the tools to enhance and promote safe neighborhoods and
30 communities by enhanced coordination between local and state law
31 enforcement entities at the state and local level.

32 Section 3. Urban and Inner-City Crime and Gun Violence
33 Prevention Commission.-

34 (1) There is created within the Department of Law
35 Enforcement the Urban and Inner-City Crime and Gun Violence
36 Prevention Commission, a commission as defined in s. 20.03,
37 Florida Statutes.

38 (2) (a) The commission shall convene no later than
39 September 1, 2019, and shall be composed of 16 members. Five
40 members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, five
41 members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
42 Representatives, and five members shall be appointed by the
43 Governor. The Chair of the Commission on the Social Status of
44 Black Boys and Men, or a designee, shall serve as a member of
45 the commission. From the members of the commission, the Governor
46 shall appoint the chair. Appointments must be made by August 1,
47 2019. The Commissioner of the Department of Law Enforcement, the
48 Secretary of Juvenile Justice, and the Secretary of Children and
49 Families shall serve as ex-officio and non-voting members of the
50 commission. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the officer

51 who appointed the member. A vacancy on the commission shall be
52 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

53 (b) The General Counsel of the Department of Law
54 Enforcement shall serve as the general counsel for the
55 commission.

56 (c) The Department of Law Enforcement staff and the
57 Department of Juvenile Justice staff, as assigned by the chair,
58 shall assist the commission in performing its duties.

59 (d) The commission shall meet on a quarterly basis or as
60 necessary to conduct its work at the call of the chair and at
61 the time designated by him or her at locations throughout the
62 state. The commission may not conduct its meetings through
63 teleconferences or other similar means.

64 (e) Members of the commission are entitled to receive
65 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s.
66 112.061, Florida Statutes.

67 (3) The commission shall investigate system failures and
68 the causes and reasons for high crime and gun violence incidents
69 in urban and inner-city communities and neighborhoods. In
70 addition, the commission shall develop recommendations for
71 solutions, programs, services, and strategies for improved
72 interagency communications between local and state government
73 agencies that will help facilitate the reduction of crime and
74 gun violence in urban and inner-city neighborhoods and
75 communities.

76 (4) The commission has the power to investigate. The
77 commission may delegate to its investigators the authority to
78 administer oaths and affirmations.

79 (5) The executive director of the Department of Law
80 Enforcement shall issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of
81 witnesses to testify before the commission and the production of
82 any books, papers, records, documentary evidence, and other
83 items, including confidential information, relevant to the
84 performance of the duties of the commission or to the exercise
85 of its powers. The chair or other member of the commission may
86 administer all oaths and affirmations in the manner prescribed
87 by law to witnesses who appear before the commission for the
88 purpose of testifying in any matter of which the commission
89 desires evidence. In the case of a refusal to obey a subpoena,
90 the commission may make application to any circuit court of this
91 state having jurisdiction to order the witness to appear before
92 the commission and to produce evidence, if so ordered, or to
93 give testimony relevant to the matter in question. Failure to
94 obey the order may be punished by the court as contempt.

95 (6) The commission may call upon appropriate agencies of
96 state government for such professional assistance as may be
97 needed in the discharge of its duties, and such agencies shall
98 provide such assistance in a timely manner.

99 (7) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission may
100 request and shall be provided with access to any information or

101 records, including exempt or confidential and exempt information
102 or records, which pertain to crime and gun violence incidents in
103 this state's urban and inner-city neighborhoods and communities.
104 Information or records obtained by the commission that are
105 otherwise exempt or confidential and exempt shall retain such
106 exempt or confidential and exempt status and the commission may
107 not disclose any such information or records.

108 (8) The commission shall submit an initial report on its
109 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of
110 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
111 January 1, 2020, and may issue reports annually thereafter. The
112 commission shall sunset December 31, 2023, and this section is
113 repealed on that date.

114 Section 4. For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, five full-time
115 equivalent positions with an associated total salary rate of
116 345,000 are authorized and the recurring sum of \$600,000 are
117 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of
118 Law Enforcement for the operations of the commission.

119 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.