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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Criminal Justice
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Jones offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 943.6872, Florida Statutes, is created
8 to read:

9 943.6872 Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force.-

10 (1) The Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force, a task force
11 as defined in s. 20.03, is created within the Department of Law
12 Enforcement. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
13 task force shall comply with the requirements of s. 20.052.

14 (2) (a) The 10-member task force shall convene no later
15 than September 1, 2020, and must be composed of 2 members
16 appointed by each of the following: the President of the Senate,

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17 the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of
19 Representatives, and the Governor. Appointments must be made by
20 August 1, 2020. The Governor shall appoint a chair from among
21 the members. Members serve at the pleasure of the officer who
22 appointed them. A vacancy on the task force must be filled in
23 the same manner as the original appointment.

24 (b) The General Counsel of the Department of Law
25 Enforcement shall serve as the general counsel for the task
26 force.

27 (c) The chair shall assign staff from the Department of
28 Law Enforcement and the Department of Juvenile Justice to assist
29 the task force in performing its duties.

30 (d) The task force shall meet on a quarterly basis or at
31 the call of the chair, as necessary to conduct its work, at a
32 time and location in this state designated by the chair. The
33 task force may not conduct its meetings through teleconferences
34 or other similar means.

35 (3) The task force shall investigate system failures and
36 the causes of high crime rates and gun violence incidents in
37 urban core neighborhoods and communities. In addition, the task
38 force shall develop recommendations for solutions, programs,
39 services, and strategies for improved interagency communications
40 between local and state government agencies which will help

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41 facilitate the reduction of crime and gun violence in urban core
42 neighborhoods and communities.

43 (4) The task force may call upon appropriate state
44 government agencies for such professional assistance as may be
45 needed in the discharge of its duties, and such agencies shall
46 provide such assistance in a timely manner.

47 (5) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the
48 task force may request and shall be provided with access to any
49 information or records that pertain to crime and gun violence
50 incidents in this state's urban core neighborhoods and
51 communities. Information or records obtained by the task force
52 which are otherwise exempt or confidential and exempt shall
53 retain such exempt or confidential and exempt status, and the
54 task force may not disclose any such information or records.

55 (6) The task force shall submit an initial report on its
56 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of
57 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
58 January 1, 2021, and may issue reports annually thereafter.

59 (7) This section is repealed on June 30, 2023.

60 Section 2. Section 943.6873, Florida Statutes, is created
61 to read:

62 943.6873 Florida Firearm Violence Reduction Pilot Program.-

63 (1) FLORIDA FIREARM VIOLENCE REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM.-
64 Beginning July 1, 2020, the Florida Firearm Violence Reduction
65 Pilot Program is created within the Department of Law

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66 Enforcement for a period of three years. The purpose of the
67 program is to improve public health and safety by supporting
68 effective firearm violence reduction initiatives in counties
69 that are disproportionately impacted by firearm violence.

70 (2) DEFINITIONS.- As used in this section, the term:

71 (a) "Disproportionately impacted by firearm violence" means
72 the county experienced 20 or more firearm related homicides per
73 calendar year during two or more of the three calendar years
74 immediately preceding the application; or the county experienced
75 10 or more firearm related homicides per calendar year and had a
76 homicide rate that was at least 50 percent higher than the
77 statewide homicide rate during two or more of the three calendar
78 years immediately preceding the application.

79 (b) "Evidence-based firearm violence reduction model" means
80 a program, proven through empirical evidence, to reduce firearm
81 violence through focused deterrence or recidivism reduction
82 strategies.

83 (c) "Program implementation organization" means an
84 organization with experience implementing an evidence-based
85 firearm violence reduction strategy including providing
86 training, collecting and analyzing data, and conducting program
87 evaluations.

88 (3) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; APPLICATIONS.-To be eligible
89 to participate in the pilot program, a county must submit an
90 application in a form prescribed by the department by October 1,

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91 2020. At a minimum, the application must include:

92 (a) A statement and any empirical evidence indicating that
93 the county is disproportionately impacted by firearm violence or
94 otherwise demonstrating the county's compelling need for
95 additional resources to address the impact of firearm violence.

96 (b) A statement of the estimated fiscal impact of firearm
97 violence in the county including the costs incurred by the
98 county investigating, prosecuting, incarcerating, and treating
99 individuals related to firearm violence in the three calendar
100 years immediately preceding the application.

101 (c) A description of the evidence-based firearm violence
102 reduction model the county will implement during the pilot
103 program. A county must implement one of the following evidence-
104 based firearm violence reduction models: the Group Violence
105 Intervention Program, the Cure Violence Program, or the
106 Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program.

107 (d) A statement identifying a program implementation
108 organization the county will consult to implement the evidence-
109 based firearm violence reduction model and a description of the
110 organization's experience implementing such programs.

111 (e) A description of any public or private organization the
112 county intends to collaborate with to provide services. Such
113 organizations may include faith-based service groups that offer
114 community support services including, but not limited to,
115 substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, housing

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116 support programs, and employment support programs.

117 (f) A description of the criteria the county will use to
118 identify eligible participants. A participant must be an
119 individual who has been identified as being at a high risk for
120 becoming a victim or perpetrator of firearm violence.

121 (g) A statement describing how the county proposes to
122 coordinate the evidence-based firearm violence reduction model
123 and any existing violence prevention and intervention programs
124 operating in the county to minimize duplication of services.

125 (4) DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES.-

126 (a) The department shall develop and make available an
127 application form to be used by counties seeking to participate
128 in the pilot program.

129 (b) Subject to an appropriation in the General
130 Appropriations Act, the department shall use program funds to
131 provide grants for up to six counties to implement the pilot
132 program. Each county must meet the eligibility and application
133 requirements provided in subsection (3). The department is
134 authorized to develop other needs-based criteria for pilot
135 program selection and to determine the appropriate grant amount
136 awarded to each county based on such needs-based criteria.

137 (c) The department shall evaluate the effectiveness of the
138 pilot program by measuring firearm violence reduction in the
139 participating counties. The department shall compile the
140 information required under subsection (5), and by June 30, 2022,

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141 and each June 30 thereafter, submit a report to the Governor,
142 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
143 Representatives on the impact of the pilot program. The
144 department shall publish the report on its website.

145 (d) The department may adopt rules to administer this
146 section.

147 (5) DUTIES OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTIES.-

148 (a) Each county must provide one dollar for every dollar
149 requested from the department. All funds, whether provided by
150 the county or by the department must be used to implement the
151 pilot program.

152 (b) Each county selected to participate in the pilot
153 program shall appoint a program steering committee, which must,
154 at a minimum, include one representative from each law
155 enforcement agency located in the county. The program steering
156 committee shall collaborate with a program implementation
157 organization to implement an appropriate evidence-based firearm
158 violence reduction model.

159 (c) To maintain eligibility for participation in the pilot
160 program, each county must report to the department by January 1,
161 2022, and each January 1 thereafter, in a format prescribed by
162 the department, the following information:

163 1. A description of the evidence-based firearm violence
164 reduction initiative utilized.

165 2. A description of program strategies used to attract and

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166 retain participants.

167 3. A description of the type and quantity of services
168 provided to participants.

169 4. The total number of participants served and the
170 demographic characteristics of participants.

171 5. A description of how the services provided improved
172 participant outcomes, including, but not limited to:

173 a. Any change in employment status or educational
174 attainment level.

175 b. Any change in the frequency of arrests experienced by
176 participants.

177 c. Any change in the frequency of victimizations
178 experienced by participants.

179 6. Any change in the frequency or severity of firearm
180 violence experienced by the county, including any increase or
181 reduction in the number of:

182 a. Firearm related arrests.

183 b. Firearm related injuries.

184 c. Other firearm related law enforcement calls for service.

185 7. The period for which the data submitted was collected,
186 aggregated, and analyzed.

187 (6) PILOT PROGRAM EXPIRATION.-This section expires June 30,
188 2023.

189 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
An act relating to the gun violence reduction; creating s.
943.6872, F.S.; creating the Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force;
requiring the task force to comply with specified requirements;
providing for membership; providing for staff support; providing
requirements for meetings; specifying duties and powers of the
task force; authorizing the task force to seek assistance from
state agencies; providing for access to certain information and
records; requiring an initial report; authorizing annual
reports; providing for repeal of the task force; creating s.
943.6873, F.S.; creating the Florida Firearm Violence Reduction
Pilot Program; providing the purpose of the pilot program;
providing program application requirements; providing program
eligibility requirements; requiring the Department of Law
Enforcement to select counties for participation in the pilot
program; requiring each county to appoint a program steering
committee to implement an evidence-based firearm violence
reduction model; requiring each county to submit an annual
report to the department; specifying requirements for the
report; requiring the department to submit an annual report to
the Governor and the Legislature; requiring the department to

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215 | publish the report on its website; providing for the pilot
216 | program expiration; providing an effective date.