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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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02/19/2020	.	
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Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice
(Pizzo) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

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

943.6872 Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force.-

(1) The Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force, a task force as
defined in s. 20.03, is created within the Department of Law
Enforcement. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the



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11 task force shall comply with the requirements of s. 20.052.

12 (2) (a) The 10-member task force shall convene no later than
13 September 1, 2020, and must be composed of two members appointed
14 by each of the following: the President of the Senate, the
15 Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of
17 Representatives, and the Governor. Appointments must be made by
18 August 1, 2020. The Governor shall appoint a chair from among
19 the members. Members serve at the pleasure of the officer who
20 appointed them. A vacancy on the task force must be filled in
21 the same manner as the original appointment.

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

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

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

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



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40 neighborhoods and communities.

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

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

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

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

58 Section 2. Section 943.6873, Florida Statutes, is created
59 to read:

60 943.6873 Florida Firearm Violence Reduction Pilot Program.-

61 (1) CREATION.-Beginning July 1, 2020, the Florida Firearm
62 Violence Reduction Pilot Program is created within the
63 department for a period of 3 years. The purpose of the pilot
64 program is to improve public health and safety by supporting
65 evidence-based firearm violence reduction models in counties
66 that are disproportionately impacted by firearm violence.

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

68 (a) "Disproportionately impacted by firearm violence" means



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69 the county experienced 20 or more firearm-related homicides per
70 calendar year during at least 2 of the 3 calendar years
71 immediately preceding the application, or the county experienced
72 at least 10 firearm-related homicides per calendar year and had
73 a homicide rate that was at least 50 percent higher than the
74 statewide homicide rate during at least 2 of the 3 calendar
75 years immediately preceding the application.

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

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

85 (3) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; APPLICATIONS.-To be eligible
86 to participate in the pilot program, a county must submit an
87 application in a form prescribed by the department by October 1,
88 2020. At a minimum, the application must include:

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

93 (b) A statement of the estimated fiscal impact of firearm
94 violence in the county including the costs incurred by the
95 county investigating, prosecuting, incarcerating, and treating
96 individuals related to firearm violence in the 3 calendar years
97 immediately preceding the application.



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98 (c) A description of the evidence-based firearm violence
99 reduction model the county will implement during the pilot
100 program. A county must implement one of the following evidence-
101 based firearm violence reduction models: the Group Violence
102 Intervention program, the Cure Violence program, or a hospital-
103 based violence intervention program.

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

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

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

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

122 (4) DEPARTMENT DUTIES.-

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

126 (b) Subject to an appropriation in the General



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127 Appropriations Act, the department shall use program funds to
128 provide grants for up to six counties to implement the pilot
129 program. Each county must meet the eligibility and application
130 requirements provided in subsection (3). The department may
131 develop other needs-based criteria for pilot program selection
132 and to determine the appropriate grant amount to award to each
133 county based on such needs-based criteria.

134 (c) The department shall evaluate the effectiveness of the
135 pilot program by measuring firearm violence reduction in the
136 participating counties. The department shall compile the
137 information required under subsection (5), and by June 30, 2022,
138 and each June 30 thereafter, submit a report to the Governor,
139 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
140 Representatives on the impact of the pilot program. The
141 department shall publish the report on its website.

142 (d) The department may adopt rules to administer this
143 section.

144 (5) DUTIES OF PARTICIPATING COUNTIES.-

145 (a) Each county participating in the pilot program must
146 contribute \$1 for every \$1 requested from the department. All
147 funds, whether provided by the county or by the department, must
148 be used to implement the pilot program.

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



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156 (c) To maintain its eligibility for participation in the
157 pilot program, a county must report to the department by January
158 1, 2022, and each January 1 thereafter, in a format prescribed
159 by the department, the following information:

160 1. A description of the evidence-based firearm violence
161 reduction model utilized.

162 2. A description of program strategies used to attract and
163 retain participants.

164 3. A description of the type and quantity of services
165 provided to participants.

166 4. The total number of participants served and the
167 demographic characteristics of participants.

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

170 a. Any change in participants' employment status or
171 educational attainment level.

172 b. Any change in the frequency of arrests experienced by
173 participants.

174 c. Any change in the frequency of victimizations
175 experienced by participants.

176 6. Any change in the frequency or severity of firearm
177 violence experienced by the county, including any increase or
178 reduction in the number of:

179 a. Firearm-related arrests.

180 b. Firearm-related injuries.

181 c. Other firearm-related law enforcement calls for service.

182 7. The period for which the data submitted was collected,
183 aggregated, and analyzed.

184 (6) EXPIRATION.-This section expires June 30, 2023.



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

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188 And the title is amended as follows:

189 Delete everything before the enacting clause
190 and insert:

191 A bill to be entitled
192 An act relating to gun violence reduction; creating s.
193 943.6872, F.S.; creating the Urban Core Gun Violence
194 Task Force; requiring the task force to comply with
195 specified requirements; providing for membership;
196 providing for staff support; providing requirements
197 for meetings; specifying duties and powers of the task
198 force; authorizing the task force to seek assistance
199 from state agencies; providing for access to certain
200 information and records; requiring an initial report;
201 authorizing annual reports; providing for repeal of
202 the task force; creating s. 943.6873, F.S.; creating
203 the Florida Firearm Violence Reduction Pilot Program;
204 providing the purpose of the pilot program; providing
205 definitions; providing program eligibility and
206 application requirements; authorizing the Department
207 of Law Enforcement to provide grants to a specified
208 number of counties to implement the pilot program,
209 subject to appropriation; requiring the department to
210 evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program,
211 submit an annual report to the Governor and
212 Legislature, and publish the report on its website;
213 authorizing the department to adopt rules; requiring



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214 each county participating in the pilot program to
215 appoint a program steering committee to implement an
216 evidence-based firearm violence reduction model and to
217 submit an annual report to the department; providing
218 requirements for the report; providing for expiration
219 of the pilot program;; providing an effective date.