

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Pizzo

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Urban Core Gun Violence Task
3 Force; creating s. 943.6872, F.S.; creating the Urban
4 Core Gun Violence Task Force; requiring the task force
5 to comply with specified requirements; providing for
6 membership; providing for staff support; providing
7 requirements for meetings; specifying duties and
8 powers of the task force; authorizing the task force
9 to seek assistance from state agencies; providing for
10 access to certain information and records; requiring
11 an initial report; authorizing annual reports;
12 providing for repeal of the task force; providing an
13 effective date.

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

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

19 943.6872 Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force.—

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

24 (2) (a) The 10-member task force shall convene no later than
25 September 1, 2020, and must be composed of 2 members appointed
26 by each of the following: the President of the Senate, the
27 Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of
29 Representatives, and the Governor. Appointments must be made by

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30 August 1, 2020. The Governor shall appoint a chair from among
31 the members. Members serve at the pleasure of the officer who
32 appointed them. A vacancy on the task force must be filled in
33 the same manner as the original appointment. At least five of
34 the task force members must be women and at least six must be
35 members of racial minority groups.

36 (b) The General Counsel of the Department of Law
37 Enforcement shall serve as the general counsel for the task
38 force.

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

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

47 (3) The task force shall investigate system failures and
48 the causes of high crime rates and gun violence incidents in
49 urban core neighborhoods and communities. In addition, the task
50 force shall develop recommendations for solutions, programs,
51 services, and strategies for improved interagency communications
52 between local and state government agencies which will help
53 facilitate the reduction of crime and gun violence in urban core
54 neighborhoods and communities.

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

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59 (5) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the task
60 force may request and shall be provided with access to any
61 information or records that pertain to crime and gun violence
62 incidents in this state's urban core neighborhoods and
63 communities. Information or records obtained by the task force
64 which are otherwise exempt or confidential and exempt shall
65 retain such exempt or confidential and exempt status, and the
66 task force may not disclose any such information or records.

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

71 (7) This section is repealed on December 31, 2025.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.