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Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services  
(Hooper) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Between lines 113 and 114

insert:

(5) The First Responders Suicide Deterrence Task Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03(8), is created adjunct to the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention.

(a) The purpose of the task force is to make recommendations on how to reduce the incidence of suicide and attempted suicide among employed or retired first responders in



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11 this state.

12 (b) The task force is composed of a representative of the  
13 statewide office and a representative of each of the following  
14 first responder organizations, nominated by the organization and  
15 appointed by the Secretary of Children and Families:

16 1. The Florida Professional Firefighters.

17 2. The Florida Police Benevolent Association.

18 3. The Florida Fraternal Order of Police: State Lodge.

19 4. The Florida Sheriffs Association.

20 5. The Florida Police Chiefs Association.

21 6. The Florida Fire Chiefs' Association.

22 (c) The task force shall elect a chair from among its  
23 membership. Except as otherwise provided, the task force shall  
24 operate in a manner consistent with s. 20.052.

25 (d) The task force shall identify or make recommendations  
26 on developing training programs and materials that would better  
27 enable first responders to cope with personal life stressors and  
28 stress related to their profession and foster an organizational  
29 culture that:

30 1. Promotes mutual support and solidarity among active and  
31 retired first responders;

32 2. Trains agency supervisors and managers to identify  
33 suicidal risk among active and retired first responders;

34 3. Improves the use and awareness of existing resources  
35 among active and retired first responders; and

36 4. Educates active and retired first responders on suicide  
37 awareness and help-seeking.

38 (e) The task force shall identify state and federal public  
39 resources, funding and grants, first responder association



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40 resources, and private resources to implement identified  
41 training programs and materials.

42 (f) The task force shall report on its findings and  
43 recommendations for training programs and materials to deter  
44 suicide among active and retired first responders to the  
45 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
46 House of Representatives by each July 1, beginning in 2021, and  
47 through 2023.

48 (g) This subsection is repealed July 1, 2023.

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50 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

51 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

52 Delete lines 82 - 83

53 and insert:

54 section 14.2019, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraphs (e)  
55 and (f) are added to that subsection, and subsection (5) is  
56 added to that section, to read:

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58 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

59 And the title is amended as follows:

60 Delete line 4

61 and insert:

62 Office for Suicide Prevention; establishing the First  
63 Responders Suicide Deterrence Task Force adjunct to  
64 the office; specifying the task force's purpose;  
65 providing for the composition and the duties of the  
66 task force; requiring the task force to submit reports  
67 to the Governor and the Legislature on an annual  
68 basis; providing for future repeal; amending s.



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