

By Senator Jones

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Community Violence Task Force;
3 creating the task force within the Department of Law
4 Enforcement; providing for membership, duties, and
5 meetings of the task force; requiring state agencies
6 to provide assistance when requested; authorizing the
7 task force to receive exempt or confidential and
8 exempt information and specifying that the information
9 maintains such status; requiring the task force to
10 submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a
11 specified date; providing for expiration of the task
12 force; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Community Violence Task Force.-

17 (1) The Community Violence Task Force, a task force as
18 defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, is created within the
19 Department of Law Enforcement. Except as otherwise provided in
20 this section, the task force shall comply with the requirements
21 of s. 20.052, Florida Statutes.

22 (2) (a) The task force shall consist of 15 members as
23 follows:

24 1. Four members appointed by the Governor, one of whom the
25 Governor shall designate as the chair of the task force.

26 2. Four members appointed by the President of the Senate,
27 two of whom must be members of the Legislative Black Caucus of
28 the Florida Senate.

29 3. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of

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30 Representatives, two of whom must be members of the Legislative
31 Black Caucus of the Florida House of Representatives.

32 4. A representative from the Florida Sheriffs Association,
33 nominated by the executive director and appointed by the
34 Governor.

35 5. A representative from the Florida Police Chiefs
36 Association, nominated by the executive director and appointed
37 by the Governor.

38 6. The Secretary of Children and Families, or his or her
39 designee.

40 (b) Members must be appointed no later than August 1, 2022.
41 Members serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed them,
42 and a vacancy on the task force must be filled in the same
43 manner as the original appointment. Members of the task force
44 shall serve without compensation but are entitled to
45 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s.
46 112.061, Florida Statutes.

47 (c) The task force shall meet at the call of the chair at a
48 time and location in this state designated by the chair. The
49 task force may not conduct its meetings by teleconference or
50 other electronic means.

51 (3) The task force shall review system failures and the
52 causes of high crime rates and violence in urban core
53 neighborhoods and communities. In addition, the task force shall
54 develop recommendations for solutions, programs, services, and
55 strategies for improved interagency communication between local
56 and state governmental agencies to help facilitate the reduction
57 of crime and violence in urban core neighborhoods and
58 communities.

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59 (4) The Department of Law Enforcement shall provide
60 staffing and administrative assistance to the task force in
61 performing its duties. The task force may call upon other state
62 agencies for such professional assistance as may be needed in
63 the discharge of its duties, and such agencies shall provide
64 such assistance in a timely manner.

65 (5) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the task
66 force may request and shall be provided with access to any
67 information or records that pertain to crime or violent
68 incidents in this state's urban core neighborhoods and
69 communities. Information or records obtained by the task force
70 which are otherwise exempt or confidential and exempt shall
71 retain such exempt or confidential and exempt status, and the
72 task force may not disclose any such information or records.

73 (6) The task force shall submit a report on its findings
74 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the
75 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by June
76 1, 2024.

77 (7) This section expires June 30, 2024.

78 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.