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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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House

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The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (Jones) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 143 and 144

insert:

Section 2. Community Violence Task Force.—

(1) The Community Violence Task Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03(8), Florida Statutes, is created within the Department of Law Enforcement. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the task force shall comply with the requirements of s. 20.052, Florida Statutes.



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11           (2) (a) The task force shall be composed of 15 members as  
12 follows:

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

15           2. Four members appointed by the President of the Senate,  
16 two of whom must be members of the Legislative Black Caucus of  
17 the Senate.

18           3. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives, two of whom must be members of the Legislative  
20 Black Caucus of the House of Representatives.

21           4. A representative from the Florida Sheriffs Association,  
22 nominated by the executive director and appointed by the  
23 Governor.

24           5. A representative from the Florida Police Chiefs  
25 Association, nominated by the executive director and appointed  
26 by the Governor.

27           6. The Secretary of Children and Families, or his or her  
28 designee.

29           (b) Members must be appointed no later than August 1, 2023.  
30 Members serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed them,  
31 and a vacancy on the task force must be filled in the same  
32 manner as the original appointment. Members of the task force  
33 shall serve without compensation but are entitled to  
34 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s.  
35 112.061, Florida Statutes.

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



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40           (3) The task force shall review system failures and the  
41 causes of high crime rates and violence in urban core  
42 neighborhoods and communities. In addition, the task force shall  
43 develop recommendations for solutions, programs, services, and  
44 strategies for improved interagency communication between local  
45 and state governmental agencies to help facilitate the reduction  
46 of crime and violence in urban core neighborhoods and  
47 communities.

48           (4) The Department of Law Enforcement shall provide  
49 staffing and administrative assistance to the task force in  
50 performing its duties. The task force may call upon other state  
51 agencies for such professional assistance as may be needed in  
52 the discharge of its duties, and such agencies shall provide  
53 such assistance in a timely manner.

54           (5) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the task  
55 force may request and shall be provided with access to any  
56 information or records that pertain to crime or violent  
57 incidents in this state's urban core neighborhoods and  
58 communities. Information or records obtained by the task force  
59 which are otherwise exempt or confidential and exempt must  
60 retain such exempt or confidential and exempt status, and the  
61 task force may not disclose any such information or records.

62           (6) The task force shall submit a report on its findings  
63 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
64 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by June  
65 1, 2025.

66           (7) This section expires June 30, 2025.

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69 And the title is amended as follows:

70 Delete line 14

71 and insert:

72 changes; creating the Community Violence Task Force  
73 within the Department of Law Enforcement; providing  
74 for membership, duties, and meetings of the task  
75 force; requiring state agencies to provide assistance  
76 when requested; authorizing the task force to receive  
77 exempt or confidential and exempt information and  
78 specifying that the information maintains such status;  
79 requiring the task force to submit a report to the  
80 Governor and Legislature by a specified date;  
81 providing for expiration of the task force; providing  
82 an effective date.