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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 by the task
7 force; authorizing the task force to receive exempt or
8 confidential and exempt information and specifying
9 that the information maintains such status; requiring
10 the task force to submit a report to the Governor and
11 Legislature by a specified date; providing for
12 expiration of the task force; providing an effective
13 date.

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

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17 Section 1. Community Violence Task Force.—

18 (1) The Community Violence Task Force, a task force as
19 defined in s. 20.03(5), Florida Statutes, is created within the
20 Department of Law Enforcement. Except as otherwise provided in
21 this section, the task force shall comply with the requirements
22 of s. 20.052, Florida Statutes.

23 (2)(a) The task force shall be composed of the following
24 members:

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

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

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30 3. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
31 Representatives, two of whom must be members of the Legislative
32 Black Caucus of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

41 (b) Members must be appointed no later than August 1, 2025.
42 Members serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed them,
43 and a vacancy on the task force must be filled in the same
44 manner as the original appointment. Members of the task force
45 shall serve without compensation but are entitled to
46 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s.
47 112.061, Florida Statutes.

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

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

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59 communities.

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

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

74 (6) The task force shall submit a report on its findings
75 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the
76 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by June
77 1, 2027.

78 (7) This section expires June 30, 2027.

79 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.