

SENATE BILL No. 344

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-3-28.

Synopsis: Task force for the reduction of violent crime. Establishes the task force for the reduction of violent crime (task force). Requires the task force to study potential statutory changes to reduce violent crime and submit a report for distribution to the general assembly.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-3-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2022]:
4 **Chapter 28. Task Force for the Reduction of Violent Crime**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the task**
6 **force for the reduction of violent crime established by section 2 of**
7 **this chapter.**
8 **Sec. 2. The task force for the reduction of violent crime is**
9 **established.**
10 **Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of the following twenty-seven**
11 **(27) members:**
12 **(1) Five (5) members of the senate, appointed as follows:**
13 **(A) Three (3) members appointed by the president pro**
14 **tempore of the senate, one (1) of whom shall serve as**
15 **co-chair of the task force.**
16 **(B) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of**
17 **the senate.**



- 1 (2) Five (5) members of the house of representatives,
2 appointed as follows:
3 (A) Three (3) members appointed by the speaker of the
4 house of representatives, one (1) of whom shall serve as
5 co-chair of the task force.
6 (B) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader of
7 the house of representatives.
8 (3) The executive director of the public defender council of
9 Indiana or the executive director's designee.
10 (4) The executive director of the prosecuting attorneys council
11 of Indiana or the executive director's designee.
12 (5) The secretary of family and social services or the
13 secretary's designee.
14 (6) The director of the department of correction or the
15 director's designee.
16 (7) The director of the department of child services or the
17 director's designee.
18 (8) The president of the Indiana judges association or the
19 president's designee.
20 (9) The executive director of the Indiana Coalition Against
21 Domestic Violence or the executive director's designee.
22 (10) One (1) member of law enforcement appointed by the
23 governor.
24 (11) A judge who regularly hears criminal cases appointed by
25 the chief justice of Indiana.
26 (12) A law professor at a law school located in Indiana, who
27 has expertise in criminal law, appointed by the president pro
28 tempore of the senate.
29 (13) A law professor at a law school located in Indiana, who
30 has expertise in criminal law, appointed by the speaker of the
31 house of representatives.
32 (14) A law enforcement officer appointed by the minority
33 leader of the senate.
34 (15) A probation officer appointed by the minority leader of
35 the house of representatives.
36 (16) Four (4) representatives of advocacy organizations that
37 represent communities impacted by violent crime with one (1)
38 appointment each by:
39 (A) the president pro tempore of the senate;
40 (B) the speaker of the house of representatives;
41 (C) the minority leader of the senate; and
42 (D) the minority leader of the house of representatives.



1 **(b) Initial appointments to the task force under this section shall**
 2 **be made by the appropriate appointing authority not later than**
 3 **November 30, 2022.**

4 **Sec. 4. (a) Fourteen (14) members of the task force constitute a**
 5 **quorum.**

6 **(b) The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members at**
 7 **a meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the task**
 8 **force to take official action other than to meet and take testimony.**

9 **(c) The task force shall meet at the call of the co-chairs.**

10 **Sec. 5. All meetings of the task force shall be open to the public**
 11 **in accordance with and subject to IC 5-14-1.5. All records of the**
 12 **task force are subject to the requirements of IC 5-14-3.**

13 **Sec. 6. (a) The task force shall study potential statutory changes**
 14 **to reduce violent crime, including reviewing:**

15 **(1) IC 35-47-14; and**

16 **(2) domestic violence statutes.**

17 **(b) The task force may, at the discretion of the co-chairs,**
 18 **examine any issue to:**

19 **(1) study the issues set forth in subsection (a); or**

20 **(2) develop the recommendations and issue the report**
 21 **required by section 7 of this chapter.**

22 **Sec. 7. The task force shall:**

23 **(1) develop recommendations for the general assembly**
 24 **concerning issues set forth in section 6(a) of this chapter;**

25 **(2) issue a report setting forth the recommendations**
 26 **developed under subdivision (1); and**

27 **(3) not later than December 1, 2023, submit the report to the**
 28 **executive director of the legislative services agency for**
 29 **distribution to the members of the general assembly. The**
 30 **report submitted to the executive director of the legislative**
 31 **services agency under this subdivision must be in an**
 32 **electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

33 **Sec. 8. The Indiana criminal justice institute shall provide staff**
 34 **support to the task force. The Indiana criminal justice institute**
 35 **may seek additional staff support from a university or a**
 36 **professional organization including the Council of State**
 37 **Governments Justice Center.**

38 **Sec. 9. This chapter expires July 1, 2024.**

