

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Protection of Individuals with Disabilities in the Criminal  
6 Justice System Task Force Act.

7 Section 5. Protection of Individuals With Disabilities in  
8 the Criminal Justice System Task Force; members.

9 (a) There is created the Protection of Individuals with  
10 Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System Task Force ("Task  
11 Force") consisting of 24 members, 10 appointed by the Attorney  
12 General, 10 appointed by the Governor, and one each appointed  
13 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority  
14 Leader of the House of Representatives, the President of the  
15 Senate, and the Minority Leader of the Senate. The appointments  
16 shall be made within 90 days after the effective date of this  
17 Act.

18 (b) The members shall reflect the racial, ethnic, and  
19 geographic diversity and diversity of disabilities of this  
20 State and include:

- 21 (1) Judges who preside over criminal cases;  
22 (2) State's Attorneys;  
23 (3) Public Defenders;

1 (4) representatives of organizations that advocate for  
2 persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities;

3 (5) representatives of organizations that advocate for  
4 persons with physical disabilities;

5 (6) representatives of organizations that advocate for  
6 persons with mental illness;

7 (7) representatives of organizations that advocate for  
8 adolescents and youth;

9 (8) a representative from the State's Protection and  
10 Advocacy agency;

11 (9) Sheriffs or their designees;

12 (10) Chiefs of municipal police departments or their  
13 designees;

14 (11) individuals with disabilities;

15 (12) parents or guardians of individuals with  
16 disabilities;

17 (13) community-based providers of services to persons  
18 with disabilities; and

19 (14) a representative of a service coordination  
20 agency.

21 (c) The following State officials shall serve as ex-officio  
22 members of the Task Force:

23 (1) a liaison of the Governor's Office;

24 (2) the Attorney General or his or her designee;

25 (3) the Director of State Police or his or her  
26 designee;

1           (4) the Secretary of Human Services or his or her  
2           designee;

3           (5) the Director of Corrections or his or her designee;

4           (6) the Director of Juvenile Justice or his or her  
5           designee;

6           (7) the Director of the Guardianship and Advocacy  
7           Commission or his or her designee; and

8           (8) the Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice  
9           Information Authority or his or her designee.

10          (d) The members of the Task Force shall serve without  
11          compensation.

12          (e) The Task Force members shall elect one of the appointed  
13          members to serve as a co-chair of the Task Force at the first  
14          meeting of the Task Force. The other co-chair shall be the  
15          liaison of the Governor's Office.

16          (f) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide  
17          administrative and other support to the Task Force.

18          Section 10. Task Force duties. The Task Force shall  
19          consider issues that affect adults and juveniles with  
20          disabilities with respect to their involvement with the police,  
21          detention and confinement in correctional facilities,  
22          representation by counsel, participation in the criminal  
23          justice system, communications with their families, awareness  
24          and accommodations for their disabilities, and concerns for the  
25          safety of the general public and individuals working in the

1 criminal justice system. The Task Force shall make  
2 recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly  
3 regarding policies, procedures, legislation, and other actions  
4 that can be taken to protect the public safety and the  
5 well-being and rights of individuals with disabilities in the  
6 criminal justice system.

7 Section 15. Meetings. The Task Force shall meet at least 4  
8 times, with the first meeting taking place no later than 120  
9 days after the effective date of this Act.

10 Section 20. Report. The Task Force shall submit a report  
11 with its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the  
12 Attorney General, and to the General Assembly on or before  
13 March 31, 2018.

14 Section 25. Repeal. This Act is repealed on June 30, 2018.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
16 becoming law.