



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3932

Introduced 10/28/2019, by Rep. Kambium Buckner

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women Act. Creates the Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women. Provides for the composition of the Task Force and its appointment and meetings. Provides that the Task Force must examine and report on the following: (1) the systemic causes behind violence that Chicago women and girls experience, including patterns and underlying factors that explain why disproportionately high levels of violence occur against Chicago women and girls, including underlying historical, social, economic, institutional, and cultural factors that may contribute to the violence; (2) appropriate methods for tracking and collecting data on violence against Chicago women and girls, including data on missing and murdered Chicago women and girls; (3) policies and institutions such as policing, child welfare, medical examiner practices, and other governmental practices that impact violence against Chicago women and girls and the investigation and prosecution of crimes of gender-related violence against Chicago residents; (4) measures necessary to address and reduce violence against Chicago women and girls; and (5) measures to help victims, victims' families, and victims' communities prevent and heal from violence that occurs against Chicago women and girls. Provides that the Task Force shall report annually to the General Assembly and the Governor on the work of the Task Force.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning missing and murdered Chicago women.

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 Task
5 Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois State Police.

8 "Nongovernmental organization" means a nonprofit,
9 nongovernmental organization that provides legal, social, or
10 other community services.

11 "Task Force" means the Task Force on Missing and Murdered
12 Chicago Women.

13 Section 10. Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago
14 Women.

15 (a) The Director of the Illinois State Police, in
16 consultation with the Chicago Police Superintendent, shall
17 appoint the non-legislative members to the Task Force on
18 Missing and Murdered Chicago Women to advise the Director and
19 the Chicago Police Superintendent and to report to the General
20 Assembly on recommendations to reduce and end violence against
21 Chicago women and girls. The Task Force may also serve as a
22 liaison between the Director, the Chicago Police

1 Superintendent, and agencies and nongovernmental organizations
2 that provide services to victims, victims' families, and
3 victims' communities. Task Force members shall serve without
4 compensation but may, subject to appropriation, receive
5 reimbursement for their expenses as members of the Task Force.

6 (b) There is created the Task Force on Missing and Murdered
7 Chicago Women, which shall consist of the following
8 individuals, or their designees, who are knowledgeable in crime
9 victims' rights or violence protection and, unless otherwise
10 specified, members shall be appointed for 2-year terms as
11 follows:

12 (1) Two members of the Senate, one appointed by the
13 President of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority
14 Leader of the Senate.

15 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives, one
16 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
17 and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
18 Representatives.

19 (3) Two members from among the following appointed by
20 the Director:

21 (A) an association representing Illinois chiefs of
22 police;

23 (B) an association representing Illinois sheriffs;

24 (C) an officer who is employed by the Illinois
25 State Police; or

26 (D) an Illinois peace officer's association.

1 (4) One or more representatives from among the
2 following:

3 (A) an association representing State's Attorneys;

4 (B) an attorney representing the United States
5 Attorney's Office in Chicago; or

6 (C) a circuit judge, associate judge, or attorney
7 working in juvenile court;

8 (D) the Cook County Medical Examiner, or his or her
9 designee, or a representative from a statewide
10 coroner's or medical examiner's association or a
11 representative of the Department of Public Health;

12 (5) Two representatives for victims, with a focus on
13 individuals who work with victims of violence or their
14 families appointed by the Director; and

15 (6) Four or more members from among the following
16 appointed by the Director:

17 (A) a statewide or local organization that
18 provides legal services to Chicago women and girls;

19 (B) a statewide or local organization that
20 provides advocacy or counseling for Chicago women and
21 girls who have been victims of violence;

22 (C) a statewide or local organization that
23 provides healthcare services to Chicago women and
24 girls;

25 (D) a statewide organization that represents women
26 and girls who have been sexually assaulted;

1 (E) a women's health organization or agency; or

2 (F) a Chicago woman who is a survivor of
3 gender-related violence.

4 (c) Vacancies in Director-appointed positions shall be
5 filled by the Director consistent with the qualifications of
6 the vacating member required by this Section.

7 (d) Task Force members shall annually elect a chair and
8 vice-chair from among the Task Force's members, and may elect
9 other officers as necessary. The Task Force shall meet at least
10 quarterly, or upon the call of its chair, and may hold meetings
11 throughout the City of Chicago. The Task Force shall meet
12 frequently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in this
13 Section. Meetings of the Task Force are subject to the Open
14 Meetings Act. The Task Force shall seek out and enlist the
15 cooperation and assistance of nongovernmental organizations,
16 community, and advocacy organizations working with the Chicago
17 community, and academic researchers and experts, specifically
18 those specializing in violence against Chicago women and girls,
19 representing diverse communities disproportionately affected
20 by violence against women and girls, or focusing on issues
21 related to gender-related violence and violence against
22 Chicago women and girls.

23 (e) The Director shall convene the first meeting of the
24 Task Force no later than 30 days after the appointment of a
25 majority of the members of the Task Force, and shall provide
26 meeting space and administrative assistance as necessary for

1 the Task Force to conduct its work.

2 (f) The Task Force must examine and report on the
3 following:

4 (1) the systemic causes behind violence that Chicago
5 women and girls experience, including patterns and
6 underlying factors that explain why disproportionately
7 high levels of violence occur against Chicago women and
8 girls, including underlying historical, social, economic,
9 institutional, and cultural factors that may contribute to
10 the violence;

11 (2) appropriate methods for tracking and collecting
12 data on violence against Chicago women and girls, including
13 data on missing and murdered Chicago women and girls;

14 (3) policies and institutions such as policing, child
15 welfare, medical examiner practices, and other
16 governmental practices that impact violence against
17 Chicago women and girls and the investigation and
18 prosecution of crimes of gender-related violence against
19 Chicago residents;

20 (4) measures necessary to address and reduce violence
21 against Chicago women and girls; and

22 (5) measures to help victims, victims' families, and
23 victims' communities prevent and heal from violence that
24 occurs against Chicago women and girls.

25 (g) The Task Force shall report on or before December 31 of
26 2021, and on or before December 31 of each year thereafter, to

1 the General Assembly and the Governor on the work of the Task
2 Force, including but not limited to, the issues to be examined
3 in subsection (g), and shall include in the annual report
4 recommendations regarding institutional policies and practices
5 or proposed institutional policies and practices that are
6 effective in reducing gender-related violence and increasing
7 the safety of Chicago women and girls. The report shall include
8 recommendations to reduce and end violence against Chicago
9 women and girls and help victims and communities heal from
10 gender-related violence and violence against Chicago women and
11 girls.