



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB4262

Introduced 1/27/2020, by Rep. David A. Welter

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Domestic Violence Task Force Act. Creates the Domestic Violence Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall: (1) conduct a comprehensive review of the process, operation, and enforcement of current domestic violence laws across the State; (2) identify gaps in the process, operation, and enforcement of those laws; (3) develop recommendations to address those gaps; (4) establish a framework for specialized protective networks for victims, treatment options for victims and offenders, and specialty courts for the accumulation of specialized domestic violence skills for courts; and (5) review the need for special consideration for conditions of bail in cases involving domestic violence within the ongoing changes brought on bail reform. Establishes membership and appointment of the Task Force. Provides that the Attorney General shall provide administrative support to the Task Force. Provides that the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee, shall be the chair of the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall review available research, best practices, and effective interventions to formulate recommendations. Provides that the Task Force shall produce a report detailing the Task Force's findings and recommendations. Provides that the Task Force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before September 1, 2022. Repeals the Act on September 1, 2027. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT in relation to State government.

2 WHEREAS, Based on Illinois and national domestic violence  
3 data, the General Assembly finds that:

4 (1) on average, nearly 20 people per minute are  
5 physically abused by an intimate partner;

6 (2) one in 3 women, and one in 4 men have experienced  
7 some form of physical violence by an intimate partner;

8 (3) 19% of domestic violence incidents involves a  
9 weapon;

10 (4) the presence of a gun in a domestic violence  
11 situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%;

12 (5) intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all  
13 violent crime;

14 (6) victims of violence from intimate partners endure a  
15 minimum of 7 incidents of abuse before agreeing to court  
16 intervention; and

17 (7) children within intimate partner physical violence  
18 families are in need of protection, counselling, and  
19 empowerment to break the cycle of violence and  
20 co-dependence; and

21 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that domestic violence  
22 is not limited by socio-economic factors, nor by geographic  
23 factors, and is truly a statewide concern; and

24 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that there is a need

1 for a comprehensive examination of how to improve protection  
2 for victims of domestic violence and their family members, and  
3 how to reduce the cycle of domestic violence; and

4 WHEREAS, This Act is dedicated to the memory of Colton  
5 Miller and the countless lives that have been lost as a result  
6 of domestic violence; therefore

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

9 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
10 Domestic Violence Task Force Act.

11 Section 5. Public policy. The purpose of this Act is to  
12 establish a consistent, uniform statewide criminal justice  
13 system to protect victims and survivors of domestic violence,  
14 while holding offenders accountable.

15 Section 10. Task Force; creation. The Domestic Violence is  
16 created. The Task Force shall:

17 (1) conduct a comprehensive review of the process,  
18 operation, and enforcement of current domestic violence laws  
19 across the State;

20 (2) identify gaps in the process, operation and enforcement  
21 of those laws;

- 1 (3) develop recommendations to address those gaps;
- 2 (4) establish a framework for specialized protective  
3 networks for victims, treatment options for victims and  
4 offenders, and specialty courts for the accumulation of  
5 specialized domestic violence skills for courts; and
- 6 (5) review the need for special consideration for  
7 conditions of bail in cases involving domestic violence within  
8 the ongoing changes brought on bail reform.

9 Section 15. Task Force membership.

10 (a) The Intergovernmental Task Force shall be composed of  
11 the following members:

12 (1) 2 judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the  
13 Illinois Supreme Court, at least one of which shall have  
14 experience with domestic violence cases;

15 (2) the Executive Director of the Administrative  
16 Office of the Illinois Courts or the Executive Director's  
17 designee;

18 (3) one probation officer appointed by the Chief  
19 Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court who has significant  
20 experience with domestic violence cases;

21 (4) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's  
22 designee, who shall serve as chair of the Task Force;

23 (5) the Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice  
24 Information Authority, or the Director's designee;

25 (6) the following public members appointed by the

1 Governor:

2 (A) 2 members representing victims' rights  
3 organizations;

4 (B) 2 members representing State's Attorneys based  
5 on recommendations from the Illinois State's Attorneys  
6 Association, both of which shall have experience with  
7 domestic violence cases;

8 (C) 2 members representing law enforcement, both  
9 of which shall have experience with domestic violence  
10 cases; and

11 (D) 2 members representing victims of domestic  
12 violence;

13 (7) the Director of the Illinois State Police, or the  
14 Director's designee;

15 (8) the Secretary of Human Services or the Secretary's  
16 designee;

17 (9) one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the  
18 House of Representatives;

19 (10) one Representative appointed by the Minority  
20 Leader of the House of Representatives;

21 (11) one Senator appointed by the President of the  
22 Senate; and

23 (12) one Senator appointed by the Minority Leader of  
24 the Senate.

25 (b) The designated appointing authority listed in  
26 subsection (a) shall have the authority to replace any of the

1 authority's appointed members.

2 Section 20. Administrative support and duties.

3 (a) The Attorney General shall provide administrative  
4 support to the Task Force.

5 (b) The Task Force shall review available research, best  
6 practices, and effective interventions to formulate  
7 recommendations.

8 (c) The Task Force shall produce a report detailing the  
9 Task Force's findings and making recommendations. The Task  
10 Force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations  
11 to the General Assembly and the Governor on or before September  
12 1, 2022.

13 Section 25. Repeal. This Act is repealed on September 1,  
14 2027.

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