

1 AN ACT concerning domestic violence.

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

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

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

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

13 Section 10. Task Force; creation. The Domestic Violence
14 Task Force, also known as Colton's Task Force, is created. The
15 Task Force shall:

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

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

21 (3) develop recommendations to address those gaps;

1 (4) establish a framework for specialized protective
2 networks for victims, treatment options for victims and
3 offenders, and specialty courts for the accumulation of
4 specialized domestic violence skills for courts; and

5 (5) review the need for special consideration for
6 conditions of bail in cases involving domestic violence within
7 the ongoing changes brought on by bail reform.

8 Section 15. Task Force membership.

9 (a) The Domestic Violence Task Force shall be composed of
10 the following members:

11 (1) 2 judges appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court,
12 at least one of whom shall have experience with domestic
13 violence cases;

14 (2) the Director of the Administrative Office of the
15 Illinois Courts, or the Director's designee;

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

19 (4) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's
20 designee;

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

23 (6) the following public members appointed by the
24 Governor:

25 (A) 2 members representing victims' rights

1 organizations;

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

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

9 (D) one member representing family law lawyers who
10 shall have experience with domestic violence cases
11 based on a recommendation from a statewide bar
12 association; and

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

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

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

25 (13) 4 members who are survivors of domestic violence,
26 one appointed by the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives, one appointed by the Minority Leader of
2 the House of Representatives, one appointed by the
3 President of the Senate, and one appointed by the Minority
4 Leader of the Senate; and

5 (14) one member who is a survivor of domestic
6 violence, appointed by the Governor.

7 (b) The designated appointing authority listed in
8 subsection (a) shall have the authority to replace any of the
9 authority's appointed members.

10 (c) The Chair of the Task Force shall be selected by a
11 majority vote of the members of the Task Force.

12 (d) Task Force members shall not be compensated for their
13 service on the Task Force.

14 Section 20. Administrative support and duties.

15 (a) The Family Violence Coordinating Council within the
16 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority shall provide
17 administrative support to the Task Force.

18 (b) The Task Force shall review available research, best
19 practices, and effective interventions to formulate
20 recommendations.

21 (c) The Task Force shall produce a report detailing the
22 Task Force's findings and making recommendations. The Task
23 Force shall submit a report of its findings and
24 recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on or
25 before September 1, 2022.

1 Section 25. Repeal. This Act is repealed on September 1,
2 2027.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.