



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3988

Introduced 3/4/2021, 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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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
8 Police.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (B) an association representing Illinois sheriffs;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (D) a statewide organization that represents women

1 and girls who have been sexually assaulted;

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

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

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

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

24 (e) The Director shall convene the first meeting of the
25 Task Force no later than 30 days after the appointment of a
26 majority of the members of the Task Force. The Illinois State

1 Police shall provide meeting space and administrative
2 assistance as necessary for the Task Force to conduct its
3 work.

4 (f) The Task Force must examine and report on the
5 following:

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

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

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

23 (4) measures necessary to address and reduce violence
24 against Chicago women and girls; and

25 (5) measures to help victims, victims' families, and
26 victims' communities prevent and heal from violence that

1 occurs against Chicago women and girls.

2 (g) The Task Force shall report on or before December 31 of
3 2021, and on or before December 31 of each year thereafter, to
4 the General Assembly and the Governor on the work of the Task
5 Force, including but not limited to, the issues to be examined
6 in subsection (g), and shall include in the annual report
7 recommendations regarding institutional policies and practices
8 or proposed institutional policies and practices that are
9 effective in reducing gender-related violence and increasing
10 the safety of Chicago women and girls. The report shall
11 include recommendations to reduce and end violence against
12 Chicago women and girls and help victims and communities heal
13 from gender-related violence and violence against Chicago
14 women and girls.