

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 Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal  
17 Justice Information Authority or the Executive Director's  
18 designee, in consultation with the Director of the Illinois  
19 State Police and Chicago Police Superintendent, shall appoint  
20 the non-legislative members to the Task Force on Missing and  
21 Murdered Chicago Women to advise the Director and the Chicago  
22 Police Superintendent and to report to the General Assembly on

1 recommendations to reduce and end violence against Chicago  
2 women and girls. The Task Force may also serve as a liaison  
3 between the Director, the Chicago Police Superintendent, and  
4 agencies and nongovernmental organizations that provide  
5 services to victims, victims' families, and victims'  
6 communities. Task Force members shall serve without  
7 compensation but may, subject to appropriation, receive  
8 reimbursement for their expenses as members of the Task Force.

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

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

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

22 (3) Two members from among the following appointed by  
23 the Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice  
24 Information Authority or the Executive Director's  
25 designee:

26 (A) an association representing Illinois chiefs of

1 police;

2 (B) an association representing Illinois sheriffs;

3 (C) an officer who is employed by the Illinois  
4 State Police; or

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

6 (4) One or more representatives from among the  
7 following:

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

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

11 (C) a circuit judge, associate judge, or attorney  
12 working in juvenile court;

13 (D) the Cook County Medical Examiner, or his or  
14 her designee, or a representative from a statewide  
15 coroner's or medical examiner's association or a  
16 representative of the Department of Public Health;

17 (5) Two representatives for victims, with a focus on  
18 individuals who work with victims of violence or their  
19 families appointed by the Executive Director of the  
20 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority or the  
21 Executive Director's designee; and

22 (6) Four or more members from among the following  
23 appointed by the Executive Director of the Illinois  
24 Criminal Justice Information Authority or the Executive  
25 Director's designee:

26 (A) a statewide or local organization that

1 provides legal services to Chicago women and girls;

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

5 (C) a statewide or local organization that  
6 provides healthcare services to Chicago women and  
7 girls;

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

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

11 (F) a Chicago woman who is a survivor of  
12 gender-related violence.

13 (c) Vacancies in positions appointed by the Executive  
14 Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information  
15 Authority or the Executive Director's designee shall be filled  
16 by the Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice  
17 Information Authority or the Executive Director's designee  
18 consistent with the qualifications of the vacating member  
19 required by this Section.

20 (d) Task Force members shall annually elect a chair and  
21 vice-chair from among the Task Force's members, and may elect  
22 other officers as necessary. The Task Force shall meet at  
23 least quarterly, or upon the call of its chair, and may hold  
24 meetings throughout the City of Chicago. The Task Force shall  
25 meet frequently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in  
26 this Section. Meetings of the Task Force are subject to the

1 Open Meetings Act. The Task Force shall seek out and enlist the  
2 cooperation and assistance of nongovernmental organizations,  
3 community, and advocacy organizations working with the Chicago  
4 community, and academic researchers and experts, specifically  
5 those specializing in violence against Chicago women and  
6 girls, representing diverse communities disproportionately  
7 affected by violence against women and girls, or focusing on  
8 issues related to gender-related violence and violence against  
9 Chicago women and girls.

10 (e) The Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal  
11 Justice Information Authority or the Executive Director's  
12 designee shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force no  
13 later than 30 days after the appointment of a majority of the  
14 members of the Task Force. The Illinois Criminal Justice  
15 Information Authority shall provide meeting space and  
16 administrative assistance as necessary for the Task Force to  
17 conduct its work. The chair of the Task Force may call  
18 electronic meetings of the Task Force. A member of the Task  
19 Force participating electronically shall be deemed present for  
20 purposes of establishing a quorum and voting.

21 (f) The Task Force must examine and report on the  
22 following:

23 (1) the systemic causes behind violence that Chicago  
24 women and girls experience, including patterns and  
25 underlying factors that explain why disproportionately  
26 high levels of violence occur against Chicago women and

1 girls, including underlying historical, social, economic,  
2 institutional, and cultural factors that may contribute to  
3 the violence;

4 (2) appropriate methods for tracking and collecting  
5 data on violence against Chicago women and girls,  
6 including data on missing and murdered Chicago women and  
7 girls;

8 (3) policies and institutions such as policing, child  
9 welfare, medical examiner practices, and other  
10 governmental practices that impact violence against  
11 Chicago women and girls and the investigation and  
12 prosecution of crimes of gender-related violence against  
13 Chicago residents;

14 (4) measures necessary to address and reduce violence  
15 against Chicago women and girls; and

16 (5) measures to help victims, victims' families, and  
17 victims' communities prevent and heal from violence that  
18 occurs against Chicago women and girls.

19 (g) The Task Force shall report on or before December 31 of  
20 2021, and on or before December 31 of each year thereafter, to  
21 the General Assembly and the Governor on the work of the Task  
22 Force, including, but not limited to, the issues to be  
23 examined in subsection (g), and shall include in the annual  
24 report recommendations regarding institutional policies and  
25 practices or proposed institutional policies and practices  
26 that are effective in reducing gender-related violence and

1 increasing the safety of Chicago women and girls. The report  
2 shall include recommendations to reduce and end violence  
3 against Chicago women and girls and help victims and  
4 communities heal from gender-related violence and violence  
5 against Chicago women and girls.