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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4295

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4295 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago
5 Women Act is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 4119/10)

7 Sec. 10. Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women.

8 (a) The Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal
9 Justice Information Authority or the Executive Director's
10 designee, in consultation with the Director of the Illinois
11 State Police and the Chicago Police Superintendent, shall
12 appoint the non-legislative members to the Task Force on
13 Missing and Murdered Chicago Women to advise the Director and
14 the Chicago Police Superintendent and to report to the General
15 Assembly on recommendations to reduce and end violence against
16 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 Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice
22 Information Authority or the Executive Director's
23 designee:

24 (A) an association representing Illinois chiefs of
25 police;

26 (B) an association representing Illinois sheriffs;

1 (C) an officer who is employed by the Illinois
2 State Police; or

3 (D) an Illinois peace officer's association;

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

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

7 (B) an attorney representing the United States
8 Attorney's Office in Chicago; ~~or~~

9 (C) a circuit judge, associate judge, or attorney
10 working in juvenile court; or

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

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

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

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

26 (B) a statewide or local organization that

1 provides advocacy or counseling for Chicago women and
2 girls who have been victims of violence;

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

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

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

9 (F) a Chicago woman who is a survivor of
10 gender-related violence; and-

11 (7) Two officers who are employed by the Chicago
12 Police Department nominated by the Chicago Police
13 Superintendent or the Chicago Police Superintendent's
14 designee and appointed by the Executive Director of the
15 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority or the
16 Executive Director's designee.

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

24 (d) Task Force members shall annually elect a chair and
25 vice-chair from among the Task Force's members, and may elect
26 other officers as necessary. The Task Force shall meet at

1 least quarterly, or upon the call of its chair, and may hold
2 meetings throughout the City of Chicago. The Task Force shall
3 meet frequently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in
4 this Section. Meetings of the Task Force are subject to the
5 Open Meetings Act. The Task Force shall seek out and enlist the
6 cooperation and assistance of nongovernmental organizations,
7 community, and advocacy organizations working with the Chicago
8 community, and academic researchers and experts, specifically
9 those specializing in violence against Chicago women and
10 girls, representing diverse communities disproportionately
11 affected by violence against women and girls, or focusing on
12 issues related to gender-related violence and violence against
13 Chicago women and girls.

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

25 (f) The Task Force must examine and report on the
26 following:

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

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

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

18 (4) measures necessary to address and reduce violence
19 against Chicago women and girls; and

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

23 (g) The Task Force shall report on or before December 31 of
24 2024, and on or before December 31 of each year thereafter, to
25 the General Assembly and the Governor on the work of the Task
26 Force, including, but not limited to, the issues to be

1 examined in subsection (g), and shall include in the annual
2 report recommendations regarding institutional policies and
3 practices or proposed institutional policies and practices
4 that are effective in reducing gender-related violence and
5 increasing the safety of Chicago women and girls. The report
6 shall include recommendations to reduce and end violence
7 against Chicago women and girls and help victims and
8 communities heal from gender-related violence and violence
9 against Chicago women and girls.

10 (Source: P.A. 102-1057, eff. 1-1-23; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)".