

Subject Task Force on Missing and Murdered African American Women

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Overview

This bill establishes a task force to investigate the causes of violence against African American women and girls and to identify recommendations to properly collect data and to reduce and end violence against African American women.

Summary

Section Description

1 Task Force on Missing and Murdered African American Women.

Subd. 1. Creation and duties. Directs the commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage to report to the legislature on recommendations to reduce and end violence against African American women and girls in Minnesota. Directs the task force to consider specific issues including the systemic causes behind violence that African American women and girls experience; appropriate methods for tracking and collecting data on violence against African American women and girls; policies and institutions that impact violence against African American women and girls; measures necessary to address and reduce violence against African American women and girls; and measures to help victims, victims' families, and victims' communities prevent and heal from violence that occurs against African American women and girls.

Subd. 2. Membership. Provides that the task force must consist of at least 12 members including legislators, representatives from law enforcement, representatives from the judicial system, and representatives from groups that provide direct services to African American women and girls. Establishes that members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and that vacancies must be filled consistent with the qualifications identified in the bill.

Subd. 3. Officers; meetings. Directs the task force to elect a chair. Requires the board to meet at least quarterly. Provides that the task force must comply with chapter 13D, the open meetings law. Directs the task force to consult with

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	<p>nongovernmental organizations. Directs the commissioner of public safety to call the first meeting of the task force no later than October 1, 2021.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Report. Directs the task force to report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety, human services, and state government by December 15, 2022.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Expiration. Establishes that the task force expires on December 31, 2022.</p>
2	<p>Funding for the Task Force on Missing and Murdered African American Women; appropriation.</p> <p>Appropriates an unidentified amount from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to implement the Task Force on Missing and Murdered African American Women.</p>



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