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Overview

This bill creates a task force to recommend ways to reduce and end violence against indigenous women and girls in Minnesota. It further appropriates money to fund the task force.

Section

1 Task force on missing and murdered indigenous women. Creates a task force to address violence against indigenous women and defines the standards and requirements for the task force.

Subd. 1. Creation and duties. Creates a task force effective September 1, 2018 and directs that the task force examine and report on five specific subjects addressing the systemic causes behind violence against indigenous women, appropriate methods for tracking and collecting data, government policies and institutions that impact violence against indigenous women, and appropriate measures to address the violence and assist victims and their families.

Subd. 2. Membership. Identifies 16 categories of individuals to serve on the task force including representatives from law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, defense attorneys, nongovernment agencies, and indigenous women.

Subd. Officers; meetings. Directs the task force to elect a chair and vice-chair from its members and meet at least quarterly. Further directs the task force to enlist the cooperation of experts.

Subd. 4. Report. Requires an annual report to the legislature.

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Subd. 5. Expiration. States that the task force expires on June 30, 2024.

- 2 Funding for the task force on missing and murdered indigenous women; appropriation.**
Appropriates an unidentified amount of money to support the operations of the task force.