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A bill to be entitled An act relating to illicit drugs; creating within the Executive Office of the Governor the Task Force for the Remediation of Illicit Drug Labs; prescribing the membership of the task force; providing for meetings and duties of the task force; requiring public hearings; providing for members of the task force to be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses; requiring that the Office of Drug Control within the Executive Office of the Governor provide staff support; requiring that the task force file reports and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature; requiring cooperation by state agencies; creating within the Executive Office of the Governor the Drug Paraphernalia Abatement Task Force; prescribing task force membership; providing for meetings and duties of the task force; providing that meetings and records of the task force are subject to statutory public meetings and records requirements; providing for members of the task force to be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses; requiring that the Office of Drug Control within the Executive Office of the Governor provide staff support; requiring that the task force file preliminary and final reports before specified deadlines; requiring cooperation by state agencies; abolishing the task force on a specified date; providing an effective date.

1	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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3	Section 1. Task Force for the Remediation of Illicit
4	Drug Labs
5	(1)(a) There is created within the Executive Office of
6	the Governor the Task Force for the Remediation of Illicit
7	Drug Labs, a task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida
8	Statutes. The task force is created for the purpose of
9	recommending strategies and actions for reducing or
10	eliminating health risks from structures and locations
11	anywhere a lab is found in this state at which methamphetamine
12	or other contraband has been manufactured in violation of law.
13	(b) The task force shall consist of the following 13
14	members:
15	1. The director of the Office of Drug Control within
16	the Executive Office of the Governor, who shall serve as
17	chairperson of the task force.
18	2. The executive director of the Department of Law
19	Enforcement or his or her designee.
20	3. The Secretary of Health or his or her designee.
21	4. The Secretary of Environmental Protection or his or
22	her designee.
23	5. The Secretary of Community Affairs or his or her
24	designee.
25	6. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President
26	of the Senate.
27	7. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed
28	by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
29	8. A state attorney or his or her designee.
30	9. A representative of the Florida League of Cities.
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1	10. A representative of the Florida Association of
2	Counties.
3	11. A sheriff or his or her designee.
4	12. A police chief or his or her designee.
5	13. A representative of the Florida Association of
6	Realtors.
7	(c) The Governor shall appoint the task force members
8	described in subparagraphs (b)813. by July 1, 2007. Such
9	appointees must be representative of the qeographic regions
10	and ethnic and gender diversity of this state. The first
11	meeting of the task force shall be held by August 1, 2007. All
12	recommendations of the task force shall be by majority vote.
13	Seven members constitute a quorum.
14	(d) The task force shall meet at the call of the
15	chairperson and shall conduct at least three public meetings
16	in the state.
17	(e) Members of the task force shall serve without
18	compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem
19	and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida
20	Statutes.
21	(f) The Office of Drug Control within the Executive
22	Office of the Governor, the Department of Law Enforcement, the
23	Department of Health, the Department of Community Affairs, and
24	the Department of Environmental Protection shall provide staff
25	support for the task force within existing appropriations.
26	(2) The task force shall study, take testimony, and
27	develop findings and recommendations regarding the remediation
28	of health risks from structures and locations anywhere a lab
29	is found in this state at which methamphetamine or other
30	contraband has been manufactured in violation of law,
31	including, but not limited to:

1	(a) The nature and extent of such remediation; the
2	standards, training, and funding that are relevant to such
3	remediation; and the responsibility for such remediation.
4	(b) Current state or local laws governing remediation,
5	including consideration of revisions to such laws.
6	(c) Current federal laws or laws of other states which
7	are relevant to such remediation, including the effectiveness
8	of those laws in remediating health risks from structures and
9	locations anywhere a lab is found, at which contraband has
10	been manufactured.
11	(d) Any other subject that is relevant to reducing or
12	eliminating the health risks from structures and locations
13	anywhere a lab is found in this state at which methamphetamine
14	or other contraband has been manufactured.
15	(3) The task force shall submit a preliminary draft
16	report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor,
17	the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
18	Representatives at least 90 days before the first day of the
19	2008 Regular Session of the Legislature. The final report
20	shall be filed with the Governor, the President of the Senate,
21	and the Speaker of the House of Representatives at least 30
22	days before the first day of the 2008 Regular Session. In
23	addition to the findings and recommendations included in the
24	final report, the report must include a draft of proposed
25	rules and proposed legislation for any recommendations
26	requiring a change in rules or legislation.
27	(4) Each state agency shall fully cooperate with the
28	task force in the performance of its duties.
29	(5) All meetings of the task force and all business of
30	the task force for which reimbursement may be requested shall
31	be concluded before the final report is filed.

1	Section 2. Drug Paraphernalia Abatement Task Force
2	(1)(a) There is created within the Executive Office of
3	the Governor the Drug Paraphernalia Abatement Task Force for
4	the purpose of recommending strategies and actions for abating
5	access to and the use and proliferation of drug paraphernalia,
6	as that term is defined in s. 893.145, Florida Statutes.
7	(b) The task force shall consist of the following nine
8	members:
9	1. The Secretary of Business and Professional
10	Regulation or his or her designee.
11	2. The Secretary of Health or his or her designee.
12	3. The director of the Office of Drug Control within
13	the Executive Office of the Governor.
14	4. A representative from a corporation that is
15	licensed to do business in this state and that sells any of
16	the items described in s. 893.145, Florida Statutes, which may
17	be used as drug paraphernalia.
18	5. A local law enforcement official or officer.
19	6. A member of a faith-based community.
20	7. A superintendent of a school district or a
21	principal of a secondary school.
22	8. A member of a community organization concerned
23	about issues relating to illicit activities involving
24	controlled substances, including access to and the use and
25	proliferation of drug paraphernalia.
26	9. A former or recovering drug addict.
27	(c) Members of the task force shall be appointed by
28	the Governor by July 1, 2007, and shall be representative of
29	the geographic regions and ethnic and gender diversity of this
30	state. The first meeting of the task force shall be held by
31	July 15, 2007, at which time the members shall select by

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1	majority vote a chairperson from among the task force members.
2	All recommendations of the task force shall be by majority
3	vote.
4	(d) The task force shall meet at the call of the
5	chairperson, as approved by the Governor, and shall conduct at
6	least three public meetings, which shall be held in localities
7	throughout this state that have a significant urban business
8	district or have experienced problems with illicit
9	controlled-substance activity resulting, in part, from access
10	to and the use and proliferation of drug paraphernalia.
11	(e) Meetings of the task force shall be open to the
12	public and are subject to the requirements of chapter 286,
13	Florida Statutes. Records of the task force are public records
14	and subject to the requirements of chapter 119, Florida
15	Statutes, except to the extent that public access to any of
16	those records may be restricted pursuant to that chapter.
17	(f) Members of the task force shall serve without
18	compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem
19	and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida
20	Statutes.
21	(q) The Office of Drug Control within the Executive
22	Office of the Governor shall provide staff support for the
23	task force within existing appropriations.
24	(2)(a) The task force shall study and take testimony
25	regarding:
26	1. The nature and extent of the problem of access to
27	and the use and proliferation of drug paraphernalia in this
28	state, including the extent to which the marketing, selling,
29	or purchasing of items that may be used as drug paraphernalia
30	may contribute to that problem.

1	2. Businesses that sell items that may be used as drug
2	paraphernalia, including, but not limited to, consideration
3	of:
4	a. The types, ownership, organization, and operation
5	of those businesses.
6	b. The regulation of those businesses and the state
7	and federal laws applicable to them.
8	c. The marketing or selling of those items by those
9	businesses.
10	d. The inventory and sale of those items relative to
11	the total inventory and total sales of those businesses.
12	e. Measures taken by those businesses to restrict
13	purchases of those items by minors or otherwise restrict
14	purchases of those items.
15	f. The clientele of those businesses.
16	q. The prevalence of civil or criminal enforcement
17	actions taken against those businesses for violations of state
18	or federal rules or laws that are relevant to prohibited
19	activities involving drug paraphernalia.
20	h. The location of those businesses relative to the
21	location of schools; churches or places of worship;
22	neighborhoods; and buildings, facilities, and areas where
23	children may regularly congregate.
24	i. The opinions and concerns of local residents,
25	community and neighborhood activists and leaders, faith-based
26	community members and leaders, school personnel and students,
27	businesses, service providers, local law enforcement officials
28	and officers, and local government officials regarding those
29	businesses.
30	j. Local or community efforts to restrict or regulate
31	those businesses.

3. Current rules and laws and current efforts by
regulatory agencies and law enforcement agencies to abate
access to and the use and proliferation of drug paraphernalia
in this state, including, but not limited to, consideration of
whether it is necessary to amend those rules or laws or
propose new rules or new legislation.
4. Approaches to abate access to and the use and
proliferation of drug paraphernalia, including, but not
<pre>limited to:</pre>
a. Conforming the rules or laws of this state to
federal rules or laws that are relevant to abating access to
and the use and proliferation of drug paraphernalia.
b. Restricting the marketing, selling, or purchasing
of any item that may be used as drug paraphernalia and legal
concerns relevant to that restriction.
c. Adopting provisions of rules or laws of other
states that are relevant to abating access to and the use and
proliferation of drug paraphernalia.
5. Any other subject that is relevant to abating
access to and the use and proliferation of drug paraphernalia.
(b) The task force shall submit a preliminary draft
report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor,
the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
Representatives at least 45 days before the first day of the
2008 Regular Session of the Legislature. The final report
shall be filed with the Governor, the President of the Senate,
and the Speaker of the House of Representatives at least 30
days before the first day of the 2008 Regular Session. In
addition to the findings and recommendations included in the
final report of the task force, the final report must include
a draft of proposed rules and proposed legislation for any

1	recommendations requiring proposed rules and proposed
2	legislation.
3	(c) Each state agency shall fully cooperate with the
4	task force in the performance of its duties.
5	(3)(a) All meetings of the task force and all business
6	of the task force for which reimbursement may be requested
7	shall be concluded before the final report is filed.
8	(b) The task force is abolished July 1, 2008.
9	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
10	law.
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12	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
13	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 270
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15	Created a nine member Drug Daraphernalia Abatement Tagk
	Force within the Executive Office of the Governor to recommend strategies and actions for lessening access to
17	and the use of drug paraphernalia.
18	- Provides for task force membership, staffing, voting, meeting location, open records and meetings, and study
19	topics.
20	- Provides that task force members serve without compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per
21	diem and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, F.S., and that staffing is provided within existing
22	appropriations.
23	- Abolishes the task force on July 1, 2008.
24	- Requires the task force to submit a preliminary draft
25	report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
26	the House of Representatives at least 45 days before the first day of the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature,
27	and its final report 15 days later.
28	- Requires that the final report include any proposed legislation or rules necessary to implement recommendations of the task force.
29	recommendations of the task force.
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