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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to mandatory minimum sentencing of
3 substance abusers and sex offenders; creating the
4 Florida Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Task Force, which
5 shall make recommendations to the Governor and
6 Legislature regarding mandatory minimum sentences for
7 substance abuse offenses and sex offenses; providing
8 for membership on the task force; providing for the
9 appointment of the chair of the task force; providing
10 for organization, meetings, and responsibilities;
11 providing that task force members serve without
12 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per
13 diem and expenses for attending officially called
14 meetings; providing an effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. The Florida Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Task
19 Force.—

20 (1) The Florida Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Task Force is
21 created.

22 (2) The task force shall make recommendations to the
23 Governor and Legislature regarding the effectiveness and utility
24 of mandatory minimum sentences imposed for substance abuse
25 offenses and sex offenses. The task force shall present
26 recommendations, if any, to the Governor and Legislature for
27 needed changes in statutes and rules.

28 (3) The task force shall consist of the Governor or his or
29 her designee, and the following 12 additional members who are

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30 residents of this state:

31 (a) The executive director of the Department of Law
32 Enforcement, or his or her designee.

33 (b) The Secretary of Corrections, or his or her designee.

34 (c) The Attorney General, or his or her designee.

35 (d) A circuit court judge, appointed by the Chief Justice
36 of the Supreme Court.

37 (e) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of
38 the Senate.

39 (f) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by
40 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

41 (g) A state attorney, appointed by the Governor.

42 (h) A public defender, appointed by the Governor.

43 (i) A member of The Florida Bar, appointed by the President
44 of The Florida Bar.

45 (j) Three citizen members appointed by the Governor, one of
46 whom shall represent victim's rights advocacy groups.

47 (4) A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the
48 initial appointment.

49 (5) The Governor shall designate one member to serve as
50 chair of the task force. If the Governor rather than his or her
51 designee participates in the activities of the task force, the
52 Governor shall serve as chair.

53 (6) The chair shall schedule and conduct the first meeting
54 of the task force by September 1, 2012. The task force shall
55 meet at least two additional times upon the call of the chair,
56 at the request of a majority of the membership, or at the
57 request of the Governor. Notice of task force meetings and the
58 agenda shall be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly

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59 at least 14 days before the meeting. Staff of the Department of
60 Law Enforcement shall provide administrative support to the task
61 force.

62 (7) The task force shall submit an interim progress report
63 and work plan for the remainder of the 2012-2013 fiscal year to
64 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
65 the House of Representatives by October 1, 2012, and shall
66 submit a final report by March 1, 2013.

67 (8) Task force members shall serve without compensation,
68 but are entitled to reimbursement for travel and per diem
69 expenses as provided by s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, when
70 attending officially called meetings.

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.