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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Urban Core Gun Violence Task
3 Force; creating the Urban Core Gun Violence Task
4 Force; providing for membership; providing for staff
5 support; providing requirements for meetings;
6 providing for reimbursement of certain expenses;
7 specifying duties and powers of the task force;
8 authorizing the task force to seek assistance from
9 state agencies; providing for access to certain
10 information; requiring an initial report; authorizing
11 annual reports; providing for repeal of the task
12 force; providing an effective date.

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

16 Section 1. Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force.—

17 (1) There is created within the Department of Law
18 Enforcement the Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force, a task force
19 as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes.

20 (2) (a) The task force shall convene no later than September
21 1, 2020, and shall be composed of 10 members. Two members shall
22 be appointed by the President of the Senate, two members shall
23 be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, two members
24 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives, two members shall be appointed by the Minority
26 Leader of the House of Representatives, and two members shall be
27 appointed by the Governor. From the members of the task force,
28 the Governor shall appoint the chair. Appointments must be made
29 by August 1, 2020. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the

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30 officer who appointed the member. A vacancy on the task force
31 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
32 At least five of the task force members shall be women and at
33 least six of the task force members shall be members of racial
34 minority groups.

35 (b) The General Counsel of the Department of Law
36 Enforcement shall serve as the general counsel for the task
37 force.

38 (c) The chair shall assign staff from the Department of Law
39 Enforcement and the Department of Juvenile Justice to assist the
40 task force in performing its duties.

41 (d) The task force shall meet on a quarterly basis or as
42 necessary to conduct its work at the call of the chair and at a
43 time designated by him or her at a location in this state. The
44 task force may not conduct its meetings through teleconferences
45 or other similar means.

46 (e) Members of the task force are entitled to receive
47 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s.
48 112.061, Florida Statutes.

49 (3) The task force shall investigate system failures and
50 the causes of high crime rates and gun violence incidents in
51 urban core neighborhoods and communities. In addition, the task
52 force shall develop recommendations for solutions, programs,
53 services, and strategies for improved interagency communications
54 between local and state government agencies which will help
55 facilitate the reduction of crime and gun violence in urban core
56 neighborhoods and communities.

57 (4) The task force has the power to investigate. The task
58 force may delegate to its investigators the authority to

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59 administer oaths and affirmations.

60 (5) The task force may call upon appropriate state
61 government agencies for such professional assistance as may be
62 needed in the discharge of its duties, and such agencies shall
63 provide such assistance in a timely manner.

64 (6) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the task
65 force may request and shall be provided with access to any
66 information or records that pertain to crime and gun violence
67 incidents in this state's urban core neighborhoods and
68 communities. Information or records obtained by the task force
69 which are otherwise exempt or confidential and exempt shall
70 retain such exempt or confidential and exempt status, and the
71 task force may not disclose any such information or records.

72 (7) The task force shall submit an initial report on its
73 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of
74 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
75 January 1, 2021, and may issue reports annually thereafter.

76 (8) This section is repealed on December 31, 2025.

77 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.