



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2879

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Violence Prevention Task Force Act. Establishes the Violence Prevention Task Force consisting of 6 members, one each appointed by legislative leaders and 2 appointed by the Governor. Provides that the Task Force shall: (1) increase awareness of resources, jobs, and opportunities to prevent violence in the State; (2) assist violence prevention groups, religious institutions, social lodges, community groups, block clubs, and other groups in providing safe havens for children, youth, young adults, and seniors; (3) create, develop, and implement recreational, social, and educational initiatives for at-risk youth; (4) train all interested persons to become community organizers, field organizers, neighborhood leaders, data coordinators, and event coordinators; and (5) assist in providing jobs, resources, and opportunities for at-risk youth so as to prevent them from committing crimes. Provides that the members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose. Provides that the Task Force shall receive the assistance of legislative staff, may employ skilled experts with the approval of the chairperson, and shall receive the cooperation of those State agencies it deems appropriate to assist the Task Force in carrying out its duties. Provides that the Department of Children and Family Services shall provide administrative and other support to the Task Force.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning violence prevention.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Violence Prevention Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Violence Prevention Task Force; members.

7 (a) There is created the Violence Prevention Task Force
8 (hereinafter referred to as the Task Force) consisting of 6
9 members appointed as follows:

10 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the
11 President of the Senate;

12 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the
13 Minority Leader of the Senate;

14 (3) one member of the House of Representatives
15 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives;

17 (4) one member of the House of Representatives
18 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
19 Representatives; and

20 (5) 2 members appointed by the Governor one of whom
21 shall be designated the chairperson by the Governor.

22 (b) The members of the Task Force shall serve without
23 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and

1 necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose.

2 (c) The Task Force shall receive the assistance of
3 legislative staff, may employ skilled experts with the approval
4 of the chairperson, and shall receive the cooperation of those
5 State agencies it deems appropriate to assist the Task Force in
6 carrying out its duties.

7 (d) The Department of Children and Family Services shall
8 provide administrative and other support to the Task Force.

9 Section 10. Violence Prevention Task Force; duties. The
10 Task Force shall have the following duties:

11 (1) to increase awareness of resources, jobs, and
12 opportunities to prevent violence in this State;

13 (2) to assist violence prevention groups, religious
14 institutions, social lodges, community groups, block clubs,
15 and other groups in providing safe havens for children, youth,
16 young adults, and seniors;

17 (3) to create, develop, and implement recreational,
18 social, and educational initiatives for at-risk youth;

19 (4) to train all interested persons to become community
20 organizers, field organizers, neighborhood leaders, data
21 coordinators, and event coordinators; and

22 (5) to assist in providing jobs, resources, and
23 opportunities for at-risk youth so as to prevent them from
24 committing crimes.