

AN ACT concerning violence prevention.

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

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

Section 5. Violence Prevention Task Force; members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) 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.

(c) The Task Force 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.

(d) The Illinois African American Family Commission, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Illinois Latino Family Commission shall provide administrative and other support to the Task Force.

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

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

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

(4) to organize community mental health providers in at-risk communities;

(5) to provide State resources to public schools to assist with behavioral health; and

(6) to assist in providing jobs, resources, and opportunities for at-risk youth so as to prevent them from

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committing crimes.

Section 15. Report to the Governor and General Assembly. The Task Force shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly, by December 1 of each year, its activities for the previous year.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.