

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 20 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3930/20 new)

7 Sec. 20. Trauma, Resiliency and Recovery Task Force.

8 (a) The General Assembly acknowledges that in 2015 there  
9 were 48,003 murders, criminal sexual assaults, robberies and  
10 aggravated assaults and batteries reported to police in  
11 Illinois.

12 (1) Traumatic events are those that cause significant  
13 distress or harm, whether physical, emotional, or  
14 psychological, for individuals. These experiences can have  
15 a severe impact on well-being by impairing people's daily  
16 functioning and emotional health, contributing to higher  
17 rates of hospitalization, suicide attempts, substance  
18 abuse, incarceration, and emotional responses, such as  
19 anger.

20 (2) There are communities in Illinois that experience  
21 high rates of violent crime, and their members often bear  
22 the costs of unaddressed trauma.

23 (3) A trauma-informed approach acknowledges the

1 radiating impact of trauma, recognizes that people's  
2 actions and symptoms may be a result of traumatic  
3 experiences, and creates policies that are sensitive to  
4 such actions and symptoms.

5 (4) Trauma-informed policies and practices minimize  
6 re-victimization and improve individual, family, and  
7 community well-being.

8 (b) The General Assembly believes that a task force should  
9 be created to help the State effectively promote  
10 trauma-informed policies and practices by studying how trauma  
11 impacts individuals, families, and communities throughout the  
12 State, with particular attention paid to underserved  
13 populations and communities.

14 (c) The Trauma, Resiliency, and Recovery Task Force is  
15 hereby created. The Task Force shall examine the following:

16 (1) the impact that trauma can have on individuals,  
17 families, and communities throughout the State,  
18 particularly in communities and populations with high  
19 levels of victimization;

20 (2) the essential components of trauma-informed  
21 practices and policies;

22 (3) the extent to which trauma-informed practices and  
23 policies are being used in Illinois; and

24 (4) the barriers and challenges to implementing trauma  
25 informed practices and policies.

26 (d) The Task Force shall hold public hearings at the call

1 of the co-chairpersons to receive testimony from the public and  
2 subject matter experts. These hearings will result in  
3 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly  
4 regarding legislative changes and other policy and practice.

5 (e) The Task Force shall be an independent Task Force under  
6 the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for  
7 administrative purposes, and shall consist of the following  
8 members:

9 (1) the Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal  
10 Justice Information Authority, or his or her designee;

11 (2) the Secretary of Human Services, or his or her  
12 Designee;

13 (3) the Director of Public Health, or his or her  
14 Designee;

15 (4) the Director of Health and Family Services, or his  
16 or her Designee;

17 (5) the Director of Corrections, or his or her  
18 Designee;

19 (6) the Director of Juvenile Justice, or his or her  
20 designee;

21 (7) the Director of Children and Family Services, or  
22 his or her designee;

23 (8) two members of the House of Representatives  
24 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
25 one of whom shall serve as a co-chairperson;

26 (9) two members of the Senate appointed by the

1 President of the Senate, one of whom shall serve as a  
2 co-chairperson;

3 (10) a member of the Senate appointed by the Minority  
4 Leader of the Senate;

5 (11) a member of the House of Representatives appointed  
6 by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

7 (12) the Director of State Police, or his or her  
8 designee;

9 (13) the Superintendent of the Chicago Police  
10 Department, or his or her designee;

11 (14) four representatives of victim service  
12 organizations, at least one of which serves an underserved  
13 group, appointed by the Executive Director of the  
14 Authority;

15 (15) a representative of a Statewide coalition that  
16 focuses on trauma, appointed by the Executive Director of  
17 the Authority;

18 (16) two academics or researchers who have studied  
19 issues related to trauma, appointed by the Executive  
20 Director of the Authority;

21 (17) a representative from the Illinois Hospital  
22 Association and a representative of a Trauma Level One  
23 Hospital, appointed by the Executive Director of the  
24 Authority;

25 (18) a representative of a Statewide organization  
26 representing probation and court services agencies in this

1 State, appointed by the Executive Director of the  
2 Authority;

3 (19) a representative of a Statewide organization  
4 representing Illinois sheriffs, appointed by the Executive  
5 Director of the Authority;

6 (20) a representative of a Statewide organization  
7 representing Illinois police chiefs, appointed by the  
8 Executive Director of the Authority;

9 (21) two State's Attorneys, appointed by the Executive  
10 Director of the Authority;

11 (22) a Public Defender, appointed by the Executive  
12 Director of the Authority; and

13 (23) two individuals who represent the victim  
14 community, appointed by the Executive Director of the  
15 Authority.

16 (f) The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
17 may receive an appropriation to enter into personnel contracts  
18 to support the work of the Task Force. The Authority may also  
19 consult, contract, work in conjunction with, and obtain any  
20 information from any individual, agency, association, or  
21 research institution deemed appropriate by the Authority.

22 (g) The Task Force shall submit a written report of its  
23 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General  
24 Assembly on or before January 1, 2019.

25 (h) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2020.