

1 AN ACT concerning domestic violence.

2 WHEREAS, This Act is dedicated to the memory of Colton  
3 Miller and the countless lives that have been lost as a result  
4 of domestic violence; therefore

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

7 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
8 Domestic Violence Task Force Act.

9 Section 5. Public policy. The purpose of this Act is to  
10 establish a consistent, uniform statewide system to protect  
11 victims and survivors of domestic violence, while holding  
12 offenders accountable.

13 Section 10. Task Force; creation. The Domestic Violence  
14 Task Force, also known as Colton's Task Force, is created. The  
15 Task Force shall:

16 (1) conduct a comprehensive review of the process,  
17 operation, and enforcement of current domestic violence laws  
18 across the State;

19 (2) identify gaps in the process, operation, and  
20 enforcement of those laws;

21 (3) develop recommendations to address those gaps; and

1           (4) establish a framework for specialized protective  
2 networks for victims, treatment options for victims and  
3 offenders, and specialty courts for the accumulation of  
4 specialized domestic violence skills for courts.

5           Section 15. Task Force membership.

6           (a) The Domestic Violence Task Force shall be composed of  
7 the following members:

8           (1) 2 judges appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court,  
9 at least one of whom shall have experience with domestic  
10 violence cases;

11           (2) the Director of the Administrative Office of the  
12 Illinois Courts, or the Director's designee;

13           (3) one probation officer appointed by the Chief  
14 Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court who has significant  
15 experience with domestic violence cases;

16           (4) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's  
17 designee;

18           (5) the Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice  
19 Information Authority, or the Director's designee;

20           (6) the following public members appointed by the  
21 Governor:

22           (A) 2 members representing victims' rights  
23 organizations;

24           (B) 2 members representing State's Attorneys based  
25 on recommendations from the Illinois State's Attorneys

1 Association, both of which shall have experience with  
2 domestic violence cases;

3 (C) 2 members representing law enforcement, both  
4 of which shall have experience with domestic violence  
5 cases; and

6 (D) one member representing family law lawyers who  
7 shall have experience with domestic violence cases  
8 based on a recommendation from a statewide bar  
9 association; and

10 (7) the Director of the Illinois State Police, or the  
11 Director's designee;

12 (8) the Secretary of Human Services, or the  
13 Secretary's designee;

14 (9) one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the  
15 House of Representatives;

16 (10) one Representative appointed by the Minority  
17 Leader of the House of Representatives;

18 (11) one Senator appointed by the President of the  
19 Senate;

20 (12) one Senator appointed by the Minority Leader of  
21 the Senate;

22 (13) 4 members who are survivors of domestic violence,  
23 one appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives, one appointed by the Minority Leader of  
25 the House of Representatives, one appointed by the  
26 President of the Senate, and one appointed by the Minority

1 Leader of the Senate; and

2 (14) one member who is a survivor of domestic  
3 violence, appointed by the Governor.

4 (b) The designated appointing authority listed in  
5 subsection (a) shall have the authority to replace any of the  
6 authority's appointed members.

7 (c) The Chair of the Task Force shall be selected by a  
8 majority vote of the members of the Task Force.

9 (d) Task Force members shall not be compensated for their  
10 service on the Task Force.

11 Section 20. Administrative support and duties.

12 (a) The Family Violence Coordinating Council within the  
13 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority shall provide  
14 administrative support to the Task Force.

15 (b) The Task Force shall review available research, best  
16 practices, and effective interventions to formulate  
17 recommendations.

18 (c) The Task Force shall produce a report detailing the  
19 Task Force's findings and making recommendations. The Task  
20 Force shall submit a report of its findings and  
21 recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on or  
22 before September 1, 2022.

23 Section 25. Repeal. This Act is repealed on September 1,  
24 2027.

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