

AN ACT concerning domestic violence.

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

**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 Domestic Violence Task Force Act.

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

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

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

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

(3) develop recommendations to address those gaps; and

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

Section 15. Task Force membership.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) 2 members representing victims' rights organizations;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leader of the Senate; and

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

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

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

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

Section 20. Administrative support and duties.

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

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

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

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

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