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SUMMARY

- Establishes the Ohio Task Force on Gun Violence, consisting of leaders from all three branches of government, as well as members of the community.
- Requires the Task Force to study gun violence in Ohio, programs and practices to reduce gun violence, and ways to assist victims of gun violence.
- Requires the Task Force to prepare and submit a report to the General Assembly within one year of the bill's effective date, whereupon the Task Force ceases to exist.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Ohio Task Force on Gun Violence

The bill establishes the Ohio Task Force on Gun Violence ("Task Force"), to consist of the following 13 members:

- The Governor or the Governor's designee;
- The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
- The Executive Director of the Commission on Minority Health or the Executive Director's designee;
- The Director of Children and Youth or the Director's designee;
- The Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court or the Chief Justice's designee;
- Three members of the House of Representatives, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, all appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- Three members of the Senate, two from the majority party and one from the minority party, all appointed by the Senate President;

- Two members of the community who work to reduce gun violence, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the Senate President.

The Task Force must meet within 30 days of the bill's effective date to elect a chairperson or co-chairpersons, and must then meet at the call of the chair, at least monthly.

Members serve without compensation, except to the extent their service is considered part of the member's regular employment.¹

Duties of the Task Force

The Task Force must examine the prevalence of gun violence within communities across Ohio, existing evidence-based programs that help reduce gun violence, best practices that are available to reduce gun violence, community revitalization efforts that can be implemented to prevent gun violence, criminal justice solutions to reduce gun violence in communities, and social determinants of health that can be addressed to assist victims of gun violence.

Within one year of the bill's effective date, the Task Force must present a report detailing its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, in the manner prescribed by existing law. Once it has done so, the Task Force ceases to exist.²

HISTORY

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¹ Section 1, divisions (A), (B), and (C).

² Section 1, divisions (D) and (E). See also R.C. 101.68, not in the bill.