

# HOUSE BILL No. 1390

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5-48.

**Synopsis:** Task force to combat racism as a health crisis. Establishes the task force to combat racism as a public health crisis (task force). Specifies the duties of the task force. Requires the task force to make recommendations to the general assembly and the governor: (1) concerning policies and programs that combat racism and mitigate the effects of racism on individual and public health; and (2) identifying appropriate funding for the policies and programs recommended by the task force. Requires the task force to issue a report before November 1, 2022.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-48 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON  
3 PASSAGE]:

4 **Chapter 48. Task Force to Combat Racism as a Public Health**  
5 **Crisis**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the task**  
7 **force to combat racism as a public health crisis established by**  
8 **section 2 of this chapter.**

9 **Sec. 2. The task force to combat racism as a public health crisis**  
10 **is established.**

11 **Sec. 3. The task force consists of the following fifteen (15)**  
12 **members:**

13 **(1) Four (4) members of the house of representatives,**  
14 **appointed as follows:**

15 **(A) Two (2) members appointed by the speaker, one (1) of**  
16 **whom shall serve as co-chair of the task force.**

17 **(B) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader.**



- 1           **(2) Four (4) members of the senate, appointed as follows:**  
 2           **(A) Two (2) members appointed by the president pro**  
 3           **tempore, one (1) of whom shall serve as co-chair of the task**  
 4           **force.**  
 5           **(B) Two (2) members appointed by the minority leader.**  
 6           **(3) The secretary of family and social services or the**  
 7           **secretary's designee.**  
 8           **(4) The state health commissioner or the commissioner's**  
 9           **designee.**  
 10           **(5) One (1) member representing the Indiana Minority Health**  
 11           **Coalition appointed by the speaker.**  
 12           **(6) One (1) member representing the Health and Hospital**  
 13           **Corporation of Marion County appointed by the minority**  
 14           **leader of the house of representatives.**  
 15           **(7) One (1) member representing the Indiana State Medical**  
 16           **Association appointed by the president pro tempore.**  
 17           **(8) One (1) member representing the Indiana Hospital**  
 18           **Association appointed by the minority leader of the senate.**  
 19           **(9) One (1) member with broad experience in health care**  
 20           **policy appointed by the governor.**  
 21           **Sec. 4. (a) Eight (8) members of the task force constitute a**  
 22           **quorum.**  
 23           **(b) The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members at**  
 24           **a meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the task**  
 25           **force to take official action other than to meet and take testimony.**  
 26           **(c) The task force shall meet at the call of the co-chairs.**  
 27           **Sec. 5. All meetings of the task force must be open to the public**  
 28           **in accordance with and subject to IC 5-14-1.5. All records of the**  
 29           **task force are subject to the requirements of IC 5-14-3.**  
 30           **Sec. 6. The task force shall do the following:**  
 31           **(1) Promote community engagement and identify tools for**  
 32           **government agencies to engage actively and authentically with**  
 33           **communities of color to combat racism as a public health**  
 34           **crisis.**  
 35           **(2) Encourage community leaders and stakeholders in the**  
 36           **areas of education, employment, housing, criminal justice,**  
 37           **and safety to recognize racism as a public health crisis and**  
 38           **take appropriate action.**  
 39           **(3) Promote racially equitable economic and workforce**  
 40           **development in Indiana.**  
 41           **(4) Promote and encourage all policies that prioritize the**  
 42           **health of people of color.**



1           **(5) Identify and promote policies and programs that mitigate**  
 2           **exposure to adverse childhood experiences and trauma and**  
 3           **expand understanding of racism and the effects of racism on**  
 4           **individual and public health.**

5           **(6) Identify and recommend budgetary priorities that secure**  
 6           **adequate resources to fund the ongoing efforts of state and**  
 7           **local government to combat racism as a public health crisis.**

8           **Sec. 7. The task force shall make recommendations to the**  
 9           **general assembly and the governor:**

10           **(1) concerning policies and programs that combat racism and**  
 11           **mitigate the effects of racism on individual and public health;**  
 12           **and**

13           **(2) identifying appropriate funding for the policies and**  
 14           **programs recommended by the task force.**

15           **Sec. 8. (a) Before November 1, 2022, the task force shall issue a**  
 16           **report setting forth the recommendations required by section 7 of**  
 17           **this chapter to the following:**

18           **(1) The executive director of the legislative services agency for**  
 19           **distribution to the members of the general assembly.**

20           **(2) The governor.**

21           **(3) The state department of health.**

22           **(4) The family social services administration.**

23           **(b) The report submitted to the executive director of the**  
 24           **legislative services agency under subsection (a) must be in an**  
 25           **electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**

26           **Sec. 9. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support**  
 27           **to the task force.**

28           **Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the task force**  
 29           **is subject to the rules and policies of the legislative council**  
 30           **governing the operation of interim study committees under**  
 31           **IC 2-5-1.3.**

32           **(b) The task force may meet as often as necessary in the 2021**  
 33           **and 2022 interims to fulfill its duties under this chapter.**

34           **Sec. 11. This chapter expires December 31, 2022.**

35           **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

