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## SENATE BILL No. 205

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**Citations Affected:** IC 4-3.

**Synopsis:** Task force for the reduction of violent crime. Establishes the task force for the reduction of violent crime (task force). Requires the task force to study potential statutory changes to reduce violent crime and submit a report for distribution to the general assembly.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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**Qaddoura, Freeman, Glick, Hunley,  
Bohacek**

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January 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.  
February 7, 2023, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
February 9, 2023, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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## SENATE BILL No. 205

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-3-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2023]:  
4 **Chapter 28. Task Force for the Reduction of Violent Crime**  
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the task**  
6 **force for the reduction of violent crime established by section 2 of**  
7 **this chapter.**  
8 **Sec. 2. The task force for the reduction of violent crime is**  
9 **established.**  
10 **Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of the following fifteen (15)**  
11 **members:**  
12 **(1) Three (3) members of the senate, appointed as follows:**  
13 **(A) Two (2) members appointed by the president pro**  
14 **tempore of the senate, one (1) of whom the president pro**  
15 **tempore shall select to serve as co-chair of the task force.**  
16 **(B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of**  
17 **the senate.**

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- 1           **(2) Three (3) members of the house of representatives,**
- 2           **appointed as follows:**
- 3           **(A) Two (2) members appointed by the speaker of the**
- 4           **house of representatives, one (1) of whom the speaker shall**
- 5           **select to serve as co-chair of the task force.**
- 6           **(B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of**
- 7           **the house of representatives.**
- 8           **(3) Four (4) members appointed by the governor as follows:**
- 9           **(A) The commissioner of the department of correction or**
- 10           **the commissioner's designee.**
- 11           **(B) The director of the department of child services or the**
- 12           **director's designee.**
- 13           **(C) The secretary of family and social services or the**
- 14           **secretary's designee.**
- 15           **(D) The executive director of the Indiana criminal justice**
- 16           **institute.**
- 17           **(4) Three (3) members appointed by the chief justice of**
- 18           **Indiana as follows:**
- 19           **(A) One (1) judge who regularly hears criminal cases.**
- 20           **(B) The executive director of the prosecuting attorneys**
- 21           **council of Indiana or the executive director's designee.**
- 22           **(C) The executive director of the Indiana public defender**
- 23           **council.**
- 24           **(5) Two (2) law enforcement officers appointed by the**
- 25           **president of the Indiana Fraternal Order of Police.**
- 26           **(b) Initial appointments to the task force under this section shall**
- 27           **be made by the appropriate appointing authority not later than**
- 28           **November 30, 2023.**
- 29           **(c) If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority that appointed**
- 30           **the member whose position is vacant shall appoint an individual to**
- 31           **fill the vacancy. The individual appointed to fill the vacancy must**
- 32           **have the qualifications that a member appointed by the appointing**
- 33           **authority must have, and serves at the pleasure of the appointing**
- 34           **authority.**
- 35           **Sec. 4. (a) Eight (8) members of the task force constitute a**
- 36           **quorum.**
- 37           **(b) The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members**
- 38           **appointed to the task force is necessary for the task force to take**
- 39           **official action other than to meet and take testimony.**
- 40           **(c) The task force:**
- 41           **(1) shall meet at least three (3) times during the 2024 interim;**
- 42           **and**



1           (2) may meet more frequently at the call of the co-chairs.

2           **Sec. 5.** All meetings of the task force shall be open to the public  
3 in accordance with and subject to IC 5-14-1.5. All records of the  
4 task force are subject to the requirements of IC 5-14-3.

5           **Sec. 6. (a)** The task force shall study potential statutory changes  
6 to reduce violent crime, including:

7               (1) studying the reduction of homicides;

8               (2) reviewing state financial support for local units to reduce  
9 violent crime;

10              (3) studying issues concerning bail;

11              (4) studying programs offered by the department of  
12 correction and department of correction release procedures;  
13 and

14              (5) studying the accessibility of mental health treatment  
15 programs.

16           **(b)** The task force may, at the discretion of the co-chairs,  
17 examine any issue to:

18               (1) study the issues set forth in subsection (a); or

19               (2) develop the recommendations and issue the report  
20 required by section 7 of this chapter.

21           **Sec. 7.** The task force shall:

22               (1) develop recommendations for the general assembly  
23 concerning issues set forth in section 6(a) of this chapter;

24               (2) issue a report setting forth the recommendations  
25 developed under subdivision (1); and

26               (3) not later than December 1, 2024, submit the report to the  
27 executive director of the legislative services agency for  
28 distribution to the members of the general assembly. The  
29 report submitted to the executive director of the legislative  
30 services agency under this subdivision must be in an  
31 electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

32           **Sec. 8. (a)** The legislative services agency shall provide staff  
33 support to the task force.

34           **(b)** Each member of the task force is entitled to receive the same  
35 per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who  
36 serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim study  
37 committees established by the legislative council.

38           **(c)** The expenses described in subsection (b) shall be paid from  
39 appropriations to the legislative council and the legislative services  
40 agency.

41           **Sec. 9.** This chapter expires July 1, 2025.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 205, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 10 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

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

**(1) Three (3) members of the senate, appointed as follows:**

**(A) Two (2) members appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, one (1) of whom the president pro tempore shall select to serve as co-chair of the task force.**

**(B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of the senate.**

**(2) Three (3) members of the house of representatives, appointed as follows:**

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

**(B) One (1) member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.**

**(3) Four (4) members appointed by the governor as follows:**

**(A) The commissioner of the department of correction or the commissioner's designee.**

**(B) The director of the department of child services or the director's designee.**

**(C) The secretary of family and social services or the secretary's designee.**

**(D) The executive director of the Indiana criminal justice institute.**

**(4) Three (3) members appointed by the chief justice of Indiana as follows:**

**(A) One (1) judge who regularly hears criminal cases.**

**(B) The executive director of the prosecuting attorneys council of Indiana or the executive director's designee.**

**(C) The executive director of the Indiana public defender council.**

**(5) Two (2) law enforcement officers appointed by the president of the Indiana Fraternal Order of Police.**

**(b) Initial appointments to the task force under this section shall**



be made by the appropriate appointing authority not later than November 30, 2023.

(c) If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority that appointed the member whose position is vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. The individual appointed to fill the vacancy must have the qualifications that a member appointed by the appointing authority must have, and serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

**Sec. 4. (a) Eight (8) members of the task force constitute a quorum.**

(b) The affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the task force to take official action other than to meet and take testimony.

(c) The task force:

(1) shall meet at least three (3) times during the 2024 interim; and

(2) may meet more frequently at the call of the co-chairs."

Delete page 2.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 15.

Page 3, delete lines 19 through 35, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 6. (a) The task force shall study potential statutory changes to reduce violent crime, including:**

(1) studying the reduction of homicides;

(2) reviewing state financial support for local units to reduce violent crime;

(3) studying issues concerning bail;

(4) studying programs offered by the department of correction and department of correction release procedures; and

(5) studying the accessibility of mental health treatment programs.

(b) The task force may, at the discretion of the co-chairs, examine any issue to:

(1) study the issues set forth in subsection (a); or

(2) develop the recommendations and issue the report required by section 7 of this chapter."

Page 4, delete lines 5 through 9, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 8. (a) The legislative services agency shall provide staff support to the task force.**

(b) Each member of the task force is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who



serve as legislative and lay members, respectively, of interim study committees established by the legislative council.

(c) The expenses described in subsection (b) shall be paid from appropriations to the legislative council and the legislative services agency."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 205 as introduced.)

FREEMAN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senate Bill 205 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 37, after "members" delete "at" and insert "**appointed to the task force**".

Page 2, line 38, delete "a meeting at which a quorum is present".

(Reference is to SB 205 as printed February 8, 2023.)

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