

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a task force to assure the independence of  
 1.3 investigations of officer-involved incidents; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **TASK FORCE TO ASSURE THE INDEPENDENCE OF**  
 1.6 **INVESTIGATIONS OF OFFICER-INVOLVED INCIDENTS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings  
 1.8 given:

1.9 (1) "bodily harm" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statute, section 609.02, subdivision  
 1.10 7;

1.11 (2) "great bodily harm" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statute, section 609.02,  
 1.12 subdivision 8;

1.13 (3) "officer-involved incident" means the use of force by a peace officer, while the officer  
 1.14 is on duty or off duty but performing activities that are within the scope of the officer's law  
 1.15 enforcement duties, that results in bodily harm, substantial bodily harm, great bodily harm,  
 1.16 or death of another;

1.17 (4) "peace officer" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statute, section 626.84, subdivision  
 1.18 1, paragraph (c);

1.19 (5) "law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statute, section  
 1.20 626.84, subdivision 1, paragraph (f); and

2.1 (6) "substantial bodily harm" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statute, section 609.02,  
2.2 subdivision 7a.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The task force to assure the independence of investigations of  
2.4 officer-involved incidents is established to identify changes needed to increase the  
2.5 independence of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and identify alternative options for  
2.6 investigating officer-involved incidents, and make recommendations to the legislature.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Members.** (a) The task force must consist of:

2.8 (1) three representatives from African immigrant and African American community  
2.9 organizations, appointed by the governor;

2.10 (2) three representatives from organizations that work with indigenous communities and  
2.11 communities of color, appointed by the governor;

2.12 (3) two individuals, or family members of individuals, who were victims of an  
2.13 officer-involved incident, appointed by the governor;

2.14 (4) the attorney general, or a designee;

2.15 (5) the executive director of the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training Board,  
2.16 or a designee;

2.17 (6) the commissioner of public safety, or a designee;

2.18 (7) one representative from the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;

2.19 (8) one representative from the Minnesota Sheriffs Association;

2.20 (9) one representative from the Minnesota Peace and Police Officers Association;

2.21 (10) one representative from the League of Minnesota Cities; and

2.22 (11) one representative from the Association of Minnesota Counties.

2.23 (b) Appointments must be made no later than July 30, 2020.

2.24 (c) Members shall serve without compensation.

2.25 (d) Members of the task force serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority or until  
2.26 the task force expires. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority consistent with  
2.27 the qualifications of the vacating member required by this subdivision.

2.28 Subd. 4. **Officers; meetings.** (a) The task force shall elect a chair and vice-chair and  
2.29 may elect other officers as necessary.

3.1 (b) The commissioner of human rights shall convene the first meeting of the task force  
3.2 no later than August 15, 2020, and shall provide meeting space and administrative assistance  
3.3 as necessary for the task force to conduct its work.

3.4 (c) The task force shall meet at least monthly or upon the call of its chair. The task force  
3.5 shall meet sufficiently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in this section. Meetings  
3.6 of the task force are subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

3.7 Subd. 5. **Duties.** (a) The task force shall, at a minimum:

3.8 (1) review the degree to which the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension relies on other law  
3.9 enforcement agencies when investigating officer-involved incidents;

3.10 (2) identify ways in which the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension can increase its  
3.11 independence when investigating officer-involved incidents;

3.12 (3) identify other agencies, departments, or entities that currently exist with the capability  
3.13 to investigate officer-involved incidents;

3.14 (4) explore the expansion or creation of an agency, department, or other entity that is  
3.15 not part of a law enforcement agency to investigate officer-involved incidents; and

3.16 (5) make recommendations for legislative action, if any.

3.17 (b) At its discretion, the task force may examine, as necessary, other related issues  
3.18 consistent with this section.

3.19 Subd. 6. **Report.** On or before January 15, 2021, the task force shall submit a report to  
3.20 the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate  
3.21 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over public safety on the findings and  
3.22 recommendations of the task force.

3.23 Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force expires the day after submitting its report under  
3.24 subdivision 6.

3.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.

3.26 Sec. 2. **TASK FORCE APPROPRIATION.**

3.27 \$75,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
3.28 of human rights for staffing needs of the task force to assure the independence of  
3.29 investigations of officer-involved incidents.

3.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.