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H.B. No. 2455

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2455:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of a task force to promote uniformity
3 in the collection and reporting of information relating to family
4 violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 72, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER F. TASK FORCE TO PROMOTE UNIFORMITY IN COLLECTION AND
9 REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON FAMILY VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT,

STALKING, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

18 Sec. 72.102. TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP. (a) The task force
19 consists of:

24 (A) one member from the bureau of identification

1 and records of the Department of Public Safety;

2 (B) one member from a statewide family violence

3 advocacy organization;

4 (C) one member from a statewide sexual assault

5 advocacy organization;

6 (D) one member who is a prosecuting attorney with

7 experience in obtaining protective orders in cases involving family

8 violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;

9 (E) one member who is a magistrate with

10 experience in issuing orders for emergency protection under Article

11 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure;

12 (F) one member who is a judge or an associate

13 judge with experience in issuing protective orders in cases

14 involving family violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human

15 trafficking;

16 (G) one member from The University of Texas

17 School of Law Domestic Violence Clinic;

18 (H) one member who is from an organization that

19 receives federal funding under the legal assistance for victims

20 grant program and who has expertise in issues related to family

21 violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

22 (I) two members from a law enforcement agency,

23 including one member who is a constable;

24 (J) one member from the Texas Center for the

25 Judiciary;

26 (K) one member from the Texas Municipal Courts

27 Education Center;

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1 (L) one member from the Texas Justice Court

2 Training Center;

8 determines to be appropriate and who consents to serve on the task
9 force.

10 (b) The presiding officer of the task force is the member
11 who represents the office.

12 (c) Appointed members of the task force serve at the will of
13 the appointing authority. A vacancy on the task force must be
14 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

15 Sec. 72.103. MEETINGS; COMPENSATION. (a) The task force
16 shall meet at the call of the presiding officer.

17 (b) Members of the task force serve without compensation or
18 reimbursement for expenses.

19 Sec. 72.104. DUTIES. (a) The task force shall:

24 (A) survivors of family violence, sexual
25 assault, stalking, or human trafficking;

1 Center;

2 (C) individuals with technical expertise in and
3 familiarity with the programming and maintenance of the database
4 maintained by the Texas Crime Information Center;

5 (D) individuals with technical expertise in and
6 familiarity with the office's database on family violence; and

10 (2) develop policy recommendations and best practices
11 guidelines for the uniform collection and reporting of information
12 relating to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human
13 trafficking.

14 (b) In developing policy recommendations and best practices
15 guidelines under Subsection (a)(2), the task force shall examine
16 best practices regarding uniform data collection and reporting and
17 any studies or reports that the task force considers relevant.

18 Sec. 72.105. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2016, the
19 task force shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant
20 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
21 appropriate standing committees of the legislature a report that
22 includes:

1 (3) any other matter that the task force considers
2 appropriate.

3 Sec. 72.106. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The office shall
4 provide reasonably necessary administrative and technical support
5 for the activities of the task force.

6 Sec. 72.107. ASSISTANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. The office
7 shall seek the assistance of the task force before the office makes
8 any recommendation as a result of the work done by the task force.

9 Sec. 72.108. EXPIRATION DATE. The task force is abolished
10 and this subchapter expires on September 1, 2017.

11 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
12 of this Act, the appropriate persons shall appoint the members of
13 the task force created by Subchapter F, Chapter 72, Government
14 Code, as added by this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.