Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>   <u>House</u>

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1   Representative Eskamani offered the following:

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3   **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4   Between lines 2364 and 2365, insert:

5   Section 41. <u>Community Safety Task Force.—</u>

6   <u>(1) The Community Safety Task Force, a task force as</u>

7   <u>defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, is created within the</u>

8   <u>Department of Law Enforcement. Except as otherwise provided in</u>

9   <u>this section, the task force shall comply with the requirements</u>

10 <u>of s. 20.052, Florida Statutes.</u>

11   <u>(2)(a) The task force shall consist of 15 members as</u>

12 <u>follows:</u>

13   1.   Four members appointed by the Governor, one of whom

14 the Governor shall designate as the chair of the task force.

15   2.   Four members appointed by the President of the Senate,

16 two of whom must be members of the Legislative Black Caucus of

17 the Florida Senate.

18   3.   Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of

19 Representatives, two of whom must be members of the Legislative

20 Black Caucus of the Florida House of Representatives.

21   4.   A representative from the Florida Sheriffs

22 Association, nominated by the executive director and appointed

23 by the Governor.

24   5.   A representative from the Florida Police Chiefs

25 Association, nominated by the executive director and appointed

26 by the Governor.

27   6.   The Secretary of Children and Families, or his or her

28 designee.

29   (b)   Members must be appointed no later than August 1,

30 2023. Members serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed

31 them, and a vacancy on the task force must be filled in the same

32 manner as the original appointment. Members of the task force

33 shall serve without compensation but are entitled to

34 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s.

35 112.061, Florida Statutes.

36   (c)   The task force shall meet at the call of the chair at

37 a time and location in this state designated by the chair. The

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38 task force may not conduct its meetings by teleconference or
39 other electronic means.
40   (3) The task force shall review system failures and the
41 causes of high crime rates, unlawful gun ownership, and violence
42 in Florida neighborhoods and communities. In addition, the task
43 force shall develop recommendations for solutions, programs,
44 services, and strategies for improved interagency communication
45 between local and state governmental agencies to help facilitate
46 the reduction of crime, unlawful gun ownership, and violence in
47 neighborhoods and communities in this state.
48   (4) The Department of Law Enforcement shall provide
49 staffing and administrative assistance to the task force in
50 performing its duties. The task force may call upon other state
51 agencies for such professional assistance as may be needed in
52 the discharge of its duties, and such agencies shall provide
53 such assistance in a timely manner.
54   (5) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the
55 task force may request and shall be provided with access to any
56 information or records that pertain to crime or violent
57 incidents in the neighborhoods and communities of this state.
58 Information or records obtained by the task force which are
59 otherwise exempt or confidential and exempt shall retain such
60 exempt or confidential and exempt status, and the task force may
61 not disclose any such information or records.

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62   (6)   The task force shall submit a report on its findings
63 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the
64 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by June
65 1, 2025.
66   (7)   This section expires June 30, 2025.
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69   **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**
70   Remove line 119 and insert:
71   the act; providing appropriations; creating the
72   Community Safety Task Force within the Department of
73   Law Enforcement; providing for membership, duties, and
74   meetings; requiring agencies to provide assistance
75   when requested; authorizing the task force to receive
76   exempt or confidential and exempt information and
77   specifying that the information maintains such status;
78   requiring a report; providing for expiration;
79   providing effective