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AN ACT concerning State government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act is amended by adding Section 15 as follows:

(20 ILCS 3930/15 new)

Sec. 15. Sex Offenses and Sex Offender Registration Task Force.

(a) The General Assembly acknowledges that numerous criminal offenses that are categorized as sex offenses are serious crimes that affect some of the most vulnerable victims.

(1) The Sex Offender Database was created as a statewide database for the purpose of making information regarding sex offenders publicly available so that victims may be aware of released offenders and law enforcement may have a tool to identify potential perpetrators of current offenses. In addition to the Registry, sex offenders may be subject to specific conditions and prohibitions for a period after the person's release from imprisonment that restricts where the person may reside, travel, and work.

(2) The General Assembly recognizes that the current Sex Offender Database and sex offender restrictions do not assess or differentiate based upon the specific risks of each offender, potential threat to public safety, or an offender's likelihood of re-offending.

(3) The General Assembly believes that a Task Force should be created to ensure that law enforcement and communities are able to identify high-risk sex offenders and focus on monitoring those offenders to protect victims, improve public safety, and maintain the seriousness of each offense.

(b) The Sex Offenses and Sex Offender Registration Task Force is hereby created.

(1) The Task Force shall examine current offenses that require offenders to register as sex offenders, the current data and research regarding evidence based practices, the conditions, restrictions, and outcomes for registered sex offenders, and the registration process.

(2) The Task Force shall hold public hearings at the call of the co-chairpersons to receive testimony from the public and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding legislative changes to more effectively classify sex offenders based on their level of risk of re-offending, better direct resources to monitor the most violent and high risk offenders, and to ensure public safety.

(3) The Task Force shall be an independent Task Force under the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for administrative purposes, and shall consist of the following members:

(A) the Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority;

(B) the Director of Corrections, or his or her designee;

(B-5) the Director of Juvenile Justice, or his or her designee;

(C) 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall serve as co-chairperson;

(D) 2 members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall serve as a co-chairperson;

(E) a member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(F) a member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

(G) the Director of State Police, or his or her designee;

(H) the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, or his or her designee;

(I) the Chairperson of the Juvenile Justice Commission, or his or her designee;

(J) a representative of a statewide organization against sexual assault, appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(K) 2 academics or researchers who have studied issues related to adult sex offending, appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(L) a representative of a legal organization that works with adult sex offenders who focus on the collateral consequences of conviction and registration, appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(M) a representative of a statewide organization representing probation and court services agencies in this State, appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(N) a representative of a statewide organization representing Illinois sheriffs, appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(O) a representative of a statewide organization representing Illinois police chiefs, appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(P) 2 State's Attorneys to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(Q) 2 treatment providers who specialize in adult treatment appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(R) a treatment provider who specializes in working with victims of sex offenses, appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(S) 2 representatives from community-based organizations that work with adults convicted of sex offenses on re-entry appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(T) a representative of a statewide organization that represents or coordinates services for victims of sex offenses, appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(U) a representative of a statewide organization that represents or is comprised of individuals convicted as adults of a sex offense who are currently on a registry, appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority;

(V) a public defender to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority; and

(W) an appellate defender to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Authority.

(c) The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority may consult, contract, work in conjunction with, and obtain any information from any individual, agency, association, or research institution deemed appropriate by the Authority.

(d) The Task Force shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2018.

(e) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2019.