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AN ACT in relation to enacting the "violence prevention task force act"

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "violence prevention task force act".
3 S 2. Violence prevention task force; members. 1. There is created the
4 "violence prevention task force" (hereinafter referred to as the task
5 force) consisting of seven members to be appointed as follows:
6 a. one member of the senate who shall be appointed by the temporary
7 president of the senate;
8 b. one member of the senate who shall be appointed by the minority
9 leader of the senate;
10 c. one member of the assembly who shall be appointed by the speaker of
11 the assembly;
12 d. one member of the assembly who shall be appointed by the minority
13 leader of the assembly; and
14 e. three members who shall be appointed by the governor, one of whom
15 shall be designated as the chairperson of the task force by the gover-
16 nor.
17 2. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation but
18 shall be entitled to reimbursement for their reasonable and necessary
19 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
20 3. The task force may employ skilled experts with the approval of the
21 chairperson, and shall receive the cooperation of those state agencies
22 it deems appropriate to assist the task force in carrying out its
23 duties.
24 4. The task force shall hold hearings across the state.
25 S 3. Violence prevention task force; duties. 1. The task force shall
26 have the following duties:

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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- 1 a. to increase awareness of resources, jobs and opportunities to
2 prevent violence in this state;
- 3 b. to assist violence prevention groups, religious institutions,
4 social lodges, community groups, block clubs and other groups in provid-
5 ing safe havens for children, youth, young adults and seniors;
- 6 c. to create, develop and implement recreational, social and educa-
7 tional initiatives for at-risk youth;
- 8 d. to organize community mental health providers in at-risk communi-
9 ties;
- 10 e. to provide state resources to public schools to assist with behav-
11 ioral health;
- 12 f. to assist in providing jobs, resources and opportunities for
13 at-risk youth so as to prevent them from committing crimes; and
- 14 g. to study and evaluate and determine the effectiveness of current
15 and existing programs related to the prevention of violence.
- 16 S 4. Report. The task force shall report to the governor and the
17 legislature on or before December first of each year concerning its
18 activities during the previous year.
- 19 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.