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H.B. No. 2050

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation of a task force to conduct a study and
3 develop recommendations to alleviate the incidence of gun violence
4 in this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. TEXAS TASK FORCE ON GUN VIOLENCE. (a) The
7 Texas Task Force on Gun Violence is created.

8 (b) The task force shall study the causes and effects of gun
9 violence in this state. After completing the study, the task force
10 shall develop recommendations for programs and propose legislation
11 to alleviate the incidence of gun violence in this state.

12 (c) The task force is composed of the following nine
13 members:

14 (1) three members appointed by the governor, one of
15 whom is a proponent of private gun ownership, one of whom is an
16 opponent of private gun ownership, and one of whom is employed in
17 the medical profession;

18 (2) three members appointed by the lieutenant
19 governor, one of whom is a prosecuting attorney, one of whom is a
20 university scholar with expertise on the issue of gun violence, and
21 one of whom is a community advocate; and

22 (3) three members appointed by the speaker of the
23 house of representatives, one of whom is a state representative,
24 one of whom is a state senator, and one of whom is appropriately

1 qualified as determined by the speaker.

2 (d) The governor shall designate a member of the task force
3 to serve as presiding officer.

4 (e) A member of the task force is not entitled to
5 compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for the member's
6 travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660, Government Code, and
7 the General Appropriations Act.

8 (f) The Texas Legislative Council and the Legislative
9 Budget Board shall assist the task force in performing its duties.

10 (g) The task force shall compile a detailed report of its
11 findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation to
12 alleviate the incidence of gun violence in this state, and shall
13 submit the report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the
14 speaker of the house of representatives not later than December 1,
15 2014.

16 (h) The task force is not subject to Chapter 2110,
17 Government Code.

18 (i) The task force is abolished and this Act expires on
19 January 1, 2015.

20 SECTION 2. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS. The governor, the
21 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
22 representatives shall appoint members to the Texas Task Force on
23 Gun Violence, as required by this Act, as soon as practicable after
24 the effective date of this Act.

25 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
26 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
27 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas

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1 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
2 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.