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H.B. No. 2373

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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 task force shall compile a detailed report of its
9 findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation to
10 alleviate the incidence of gun violence in this state, and shall
11 submit the report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the
12 speaker of the house of representatives not later than December 1,
13 2016.

14 (g) The task force is abolished and this Act expires on
15 January 1, 2017.

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

21 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
22 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
23 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
24 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
25 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.