

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 2455

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a task force to promote uniformity in the collection and reporting of information relating to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 72, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. TASK FORCE TO PROMOTE UNIFORMITY IN COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON FAMILY VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Sec. 72.101. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Family violence" has the meaning assigned by Section 71.004, Family Code.

(2) "Task force" means the task force established under this subchapter to promote uniformity in the collection and reporting of information relating to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.

Sec. 72.102. TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP. (a) The task force consists of:

(1) one member from the office, appointed by the director;

(2) 15 members appointed by the presiding officer of the task force as follows:

(A) one member from the bureau of identification

- 1 and records of the Department of Public Safety;  
2 (B) one member from a statewide family violence  
3 advocacy organization;  
4 (C) one member from a statewide sexual assault  
5 advocacy organization;  
6 (D) one member who is a prosecuting attorney with  
7 experience in obtaining protective orders in cases involving family  
8 violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;  
9 (E) one member who is a magistrate with  
10 experience in issuing orders for emergency protection under Article  
11 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure;  
12 (F) one member who is a judge or an associate  
13 judge with experience in issuing protective orders in cases  
14 involving family violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human  
15 trafficking;  
16 (G) one member from The University of Texas  
17 School of Law Domestic Violence Clinic;  
18 (H) one member who is from an organization that  
19 receives federal funding under the legal assistance for victims  
20 grant program and who has expertise in issues related to family  
21 violence, sexual assault, or stalking;  
22 (I) two members from a law enforcement agency,  
23 including one member who is a constable;  
24 (J) one member from the Texas Center for the  
25 Judiciary;  
26 (K) one member from the Texas Municipal Courts  
27 Education Center;

1                   (L) one member from the Texas Justice Court  
2 Training Center;

3                   (M) one member from the County and District  
4 Clerks' Association of Texas; and

5                   (N) one member from the child support division of  
6 the office of the attorney general; and

7                   (3) any other member whom the presiding officer  
8 determines to be appropriate and who consents to serve on the task  
9 force.

10                  (b) The presiding officer of the task force is the member  
11 who represents the office.

12                  (c) Appointed members of the task force serve at the will of  
13 the appointing authority. A vacancy on the task force must be  
14 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

15                  Sec. 72.103. MEETINGS; COMPENSATION. (a) The task force  
16 shall meet at the call of the presiding officer.

17                  (b) Members of the task force serve without compensation or  
18 reimbursement for expenses.

19                  Sec. 72.104. DUTIES. (a) The task force shall:

20                   (1) solicit and receive reports and testimony from  
21 individuals, state and local agencies, community-based  
22 organizations, and other public and private organizations,  
23 including:

24                   (A) survivors of family violence, sexual  
25 assault, stalking, or human trafficking;

26                   (B) law enforcement officials whose duties  
27 include submitting information to the Texas Crime Information

1 Center;

2 (C) individuals with technical expertise in and  
3 familiarity with the programming and maintenance of the database  
4 maintained by the Texas Crime Information Center;

5 (D) individuals with technical expertise in and  
6 familiarity with the office's database on family violence; and

7 (E) individuals with expertise in issues related  
8 to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;  
9 and

10 (2) develop policy recommendations and best practices  
11 guidelines for the uniform collection and reporting of information  
12 relating to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human  
13 trafficking.

14 (b) In developing policy recommendations and best practices  
15 guidelines under Subsection (a)(2), the task force shall examine  
16 best practices regarding uniform data collection and reporting and  
17 any studies or reports that the task force considers relevant.

18 Sec. 72.105. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2016, the  
19 task force shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant  
20 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the  
21 appropriate standing committees of the legislature a report that  
22 includes:

23 (1) a description of the activities of the task force;

24 (2) the findings and recommendations of the task  
25 force, including the policy recommendations and best practices  
26 guidelines developed by the task force under Section 72.104(a)(2);

27 and

1           (3) any other matter that the task force considers  
2 appropriate.

3           Sec. 72.106. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The office shall  
4 provide reasonably necessary administrative and technical support  
5 for the activities of the task force.

6           Sec. 72.107. ASSISTANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. The office  
7 shall seek the assistance of the task force before the office makes  
8 any recommendation as a result of the work done by the task force.

9           Sec. 72.108. EXPIRATION DATE. The task force is abolished  
10 and this subchapter expires on September 1, 2017.

11           SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
12 of this Act, the appropriate persons shall appoint the members of  
13 the task force created by Subchapter F, Chapter 72, Government  
14 Code, as added by this Act.

15           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

ADOPTED

MAY 20 2015

*Leta Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: *Jose Rodriguez*

H.B. No. 2455

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2455:

By: *Whitie*

C.S. H.B. No. 2455

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11 Sec. 72.101. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

12 (1) "Dating violence" has the meaning assigned by  
13 Section 71.0021, Family Code.

14 (2) "Family violence" has the meaning assigned by  
15 Section 71.004, Family Code.

16 (3) "Task force" means the task force established  
17 under this subchapter to promote uniformity in the collection and  
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4 (B) one member from a statewide family violence  
5 advocacy organization;

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7 advocacy organization;

8 (D) one member who is a prosecuting attorney with  
9 experience in obtaining protective orders in cases involving family  
10 violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;

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12 experience in issuing orders for emergency protection under Article  
13 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure;

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15 judge with experience in issuing protective orders in cases  
16 involving family violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human  
17 trafficking;

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19 School of Law Domestic Violence Clinic;

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21 receives federal funding under the legal assistance for victims  
22 grant program and who has expertise in issues related to family  
23 violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

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3                   (L) one member from the Texas Justice Court  
4 Training Center;

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6 Clerks' Association of Texas;

7                   (N) one member from the child support division of  
8 the office of the attorney general; and

9                   (O) one member from the Texas Education Agency;  
10 and

11                   (3) any other member whom the presiding officer  
12 determines to be appropriate and who consents to serve on the task  
13 force.

14                   (b) The presiding officer of the task force is the member  
15 who represents the office.

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6                   (C) individuals with technical expertise in and  
7 familiarity with the programming and maintenance of the database  
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10 familiarity with the office's database on family violence; and

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12 to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;  
13 and

14                   (2) develop policy recommendations and best practices  
15 guidelines for the uniform collection and reporting of information  
16 relating to:

17                   (A) family violence, sexual assault, stalking,  
18 and human trafficking; and

19                   (B) the implementation of dating violence  
20 training and awareness education in public schools under Section  
21 37.0831, Education Code.

22                   (b) In developing policy recommendations and best practices  
23 guidelines under Subsection (a)(2), the task force shall examine  
24 best practices regarding uniform data collection and reporting and  
25 any studies or reports that the task force considers relevant.

26                   Sec. 72.105. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2016, the  
27 task force shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 20, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2455** by Burkett (Relating to the establishment of a task force to promote uniformity in the collection and reporting of information relating to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Government Code to create a task force to promote uniformity in collection and reporting of information on family violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. The bill would define the membership and duties of this task force and authorizes the director of the Office of Court Administration to appoint the presiding officer for the task force. Task force members would serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses. The Office of Court Administration would be required to provide necessary administrative and technical support for the task force's activities and the agency would be required to seek the assistance of the task force before making any recommendation as a result of work completed by the task force. The task force would receive input from a variety of individuals and organizations concerning the topics identified in the bill; develop related policy recommendations and best practices; and publish a report by September 1, 2016, to be distributed to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature. The task force would be abolished effective September 1, 2017.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

**LBB Staff:** UP, SD, KJo, ESi, MW, GDz

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 13, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB2455** by Burkett (relating to the establishment of a task force to promote uniformity in the collection and reporting of information relating to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 8, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2455** by Burkett (Relating to the establishment of a task force to promote uniformity in the collection and reporting of information relating to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.), **As Engrossed**

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 24, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2455** by Burkett (Relating to the establishment of a task force to promote uniformity in the collection and reporting of information relating to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**LBB Staff:** UP, ESi, MW, GDz

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 11, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2455** by Burkett (Relating to the establishment of a task force to promote uniformity in the collection and reporting of information relating to family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.), **As Introduced**

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