By:  Howard, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2670

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COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Whitmire        X

Flores          X

Bettencourt     X

Hinojosa        X

Huffman         X

King            X

Miles           X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force and to compensation for task force members and certain other task force participants.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 772.0064, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (n) and (o) to read as follows:

(d)  The task force is composed of the following members:

(1)  the governor or the governor's designee;

(2)  a representative of each state agency that has duties relating to the prevention, investigation, or prosecution of sexual assault or other sex offenses or provides services to survivors, including:

(A)  the office of the attorney general; [~~and~~]

(B)  the Health and Human Services Commission; and

(C)  the Department of Family and Protective Services;

(3)  the executive director of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement or the executive director's designee;

(4)  the presiding officer of the Texas Forensic Science Commission or the presiding officer's designee;

(5)  the division director of the law enforcement support division of the Texas Department of Public Safety with authority over the Crime Laboratory Service or the division director's designee;

(6)  the president of the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors or the president's designee;

(7)  the president of the Texas District and County Attorney's Association or the president's designee;

(8)  [~~the president of the Texas Society of Pathologists or the president's designee;~~

[~~(9)~~]  the president of the International Association of Forensic Nurses Texas Chapter or the president's designee;

(9) [~~(10)~~]  the president of the statewide organization described by Section 264.409, Family Code, or the president's designee;

(10) [~~(11)~~]  the president of the state sexual assault coalition, as defined by Section 420.003, or the president's designee;

(11) [~~(12)~~]  a representative from a law enforcement agency appointed by the steering committee described by Subsection (c);

(12) [~~(13)~~]  a sexual assault nurse examiner appointed by the steering committee described by Subsection (c) to represent the interests of health care facilities that perform sexual assault forensic exams;

(13)  an adult survivor of child sexual abuse or the parent or guardian of a survivor of child sexual abuse;

(14)  a survivor of adult sexual assault; and

(15) [~~(14)~~]  other members considered appropriate by the steering committee described by Subsection (c).

(n)  A task force member who is not employed by a state agency or an individual invited by the governor to participate in scheduled task force meetings is entitled to:

(1)  a per diem in the amount provided by the General Appropriations Act for each day the member performs duties as a task force member or the individual attends a task force meeting; and

(2)  reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing duties as a member or participant of the task force, as applicable.

(o)  Chapter 2110 does not apply to the composition or duration of the task force or to the designation of the task force's presiding officer.

SECTION 2.  Section 772.0064(m), Government Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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