

A bill for an act
relating to health; establishing a task force to study and make recommendations
on violence against mental health care workers.

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

Section 1. **TASK FORCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation.** The commissioner of health shall convene a task force to study the issue of workplace violence against staff in facilities that provide mental health care. The task force shall make recommendations on legislation to the legislature by January 1, 2009. The task force must investigate the number of assaults on staff by patients and the injuries sustained. The task force is governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** The task force shall consist of 11 members appointed as follows:

(1) seven members must be appointed by the commissioner of health and must include representatives of mental health facility staff and management;

(2) two members, one of whom must be a member of the house of representatives, must be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(3) two members, one of whom must be a member of the senate, must be appointed by the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee of the senate.