

A bill for an act
relating to sex offenders; establishing the sex offender policy advisory task force;
requiring a report to the legislature.

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

Section 1. **SEX OFFENDER POLICY ADVISORY TASK FORCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation; duties.** (a) A task force is established to study, evaluate, and analyze issues related to sex offenders. At a minimum, the task force shall examine the following issues and assess whether and how a change to law, rule, or practice would best serve public safety:

- (1) the effect of homelessness and joblessness on sex offender recidivism;
- (2) equitable options for de-concentrating sex offenders throughout the state;
- (3) the effectiveness of the state's sex offender rating system and who should pay for it;
- (4) whether community notification affects recidivism;
- (5) the cost-effectiveness of sex offender community notification;
- (6) the recidivism rate for released sex offenders and how it is affected by various supervision activities;
- (7) the effectiveness of current sex offender supervision practices;
- (8) pooling sex offenders in rehabilitation centers while on supervised release;
- (9) the services that should be provided at sex offender rehabilitation centers;
- (10) the best practices in sex offender criminal sentencing and sanctions including indeterminate sentencing;
- (11) whether the civil commitment process is working and what changes should be made;

- (12) the best practices in sex offender treatment;
- (13) the best practices in deterring sex offenders;
- (14) the constitutionality and effectiveness of various chemical treatments and punishments;
- (15) the effectiveness of the Minnesota sex offender program and less costly options for housing and treating participants in the program;
- (16) how to improve the reentry system;
- (17) should offenders be recommitted for technical violations;
- (18) how to assure during and after incarceration, that sex offenders receive appropriate treatment;
- (19) how to assure intense supervision, including the use of all supervisory tools, continues as long as appropriate, and how to pay for it; and
- (20) such other issues as the commissioner of corrections deems appropriate.
- (b) In its evaluation and analysis, the task force shall consider approaches taken by other states in these areas and may examine other issues that the task force finds relevant.
- Subd. 2. Membership.** The task force consists of the following members:
- (1) the commissioner of corrections, or the commissioner's designee;
- (2) representatives of neighborhoods with high concentration;
- (3) the commissioner of public safety, or the commissioner's designee;
- (4) the commissioner of human services, or the commissioner's designee;
- (5) the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy, or their designees;
- (6) two county attorneys selected by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;
- (7) one representative from the Board of Public Defense, selected by that board;
- (8) a representative of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;
- (9) a representative of the Minnesota Sheriffs Association;
- (10) two probation officers, one selected by the commissioner of corrections and the other selected by the Community Corrections Act counties;
- (11) an expert in sex offender recidivism, selected by the commissioner of corrections;
- (12) two sex offender treatment providers, one of whom shall be privately employed, selected by the commissioner of human services;
- (13) a law professor who is knowledgeable on sex offender issues, selected by the commissioner of corrections; and
- (14) such other members as the commissioner of corrections deems appropriate.

3.1 Subd. 3. **Meetings.** The commissioner of corrections, or the commissioner's
3.2 designee, shall convene the initial meeting of the task force. The members of the task
3.3 force must elect a chair or co-chairs at the initial meeting. The task force shall meet
3.4 sufficiently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in this section.

3.5 Subd. 4. **Terms; compensation; removal; vacancies.** The expiration, membership
3.6 terms, compensation, removal of members, and filling of vacancies on the task force shall
3.7 be as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059. The task force expires June 30, 2012.

3.8 Subd. 5. **Report.** By January 15, 2012, the task force shall submit its report,
3.9 including any proposed legislative changes, to the chairs and ranking minority members
3.10 of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over criminal
3.11 justice policy and funding.

3.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.