

A bill for an act
relating to public safety; establishing a sex offender policy task force.

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

Section 1. **SEX OFFENDER POLICY 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 and make recommendations on the following issues:

(1) sex offender sentencing, including expanded use of indeterminate sentencing for predatory sex offenders;

(2) sex offender treatment, both in prison and in the community;

(3) sex offender civil commitment, including less costly alternatives;

(4) the effectiveness in cost and outcomes of the Minnesota sex offender program;

(5) best practices for supervising sex offenders such as intensive supervised release, specialized caseloads, and other innovative methods; ideal caseload sizes for supervising agents; and methods to implement this in a manner that does not negatively impact the supervision of other types of offenders;

(6) sex offender community notification and registration, including the effectiveness of posting offender information on the Internet; and

(7) any other issues related to sex offender management and treatment that the task force deems appropriate.

(b) In its evaluation and analysis, the task force shall consider approaches taken by other states in the areas in paragraph (a).

Subd. 2. **Membership.** The task force consists of the following members:

(1) the commissioner of public safety, or the commissioner's designee;

- 2.1 (2) the commissioner of corrections, or the commissioner's designee;
2.2 (3) the commissioner of human services, or the commissioner's designee;
2.3 (4) the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and
2.4 senate committees having jurisdiction over public safety finance and human services
2.5 finance, or their designees;
2.6 (5) a county attorney, selected by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;
2.7 (6) one representative from the Board of Public Defense, selected by that board;
2.8 (7) a representative of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;
2.9 (8) a representative of the Minnesota Sheriffs Association;
2.10 (9) a probation officer, selected by the commissioner of corrections in consultation
2.11 with local corrections associations;
2.12 (10) a representative of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association; and
2.13 (11) a sex offender treatment provider who is privately employed, selected by the
2.14 commissioner of human services.

2.15 Subd. 3. **Meetings.** The commissioner of public safety, or the commissioner's
2.16 designee, shall convene the initial meeting of the task force and serve as the chair. The
2.17 task force shall meet sufficiently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in this section.

2.18 Subd. 4. **Terms; compensation; removal; vacancies.** The expiration, membership
2.19 terms, removal of members, and filling of vacancies on the task force shall be as provided
2.20 in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059. Members shall serve without compensation and
2.21 expense reimbursement. The task force expires June 30, 2012.

2.22 Subd. 5. **Report.** By January 15, 2012, the task force shall submit its report,
2.23 including any proposed legislative changes, to the chairs and ranking minority members of
2.24 the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over public safety
2.25 policy and finance and human services policy and finance.

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