

A bill for an act
relating to corrections; establishing the offender reentry and crime deterrence
policy advisory task force; requiring a report to the legislature.

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

Section 1. **OFFENDER REENTRY AND CRIME DETERRENCE AND
ADVISORY TASK FORCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation; duties.** (a) A task force is established to study, evaluate,
and analyze issues related to offender reentry and crime deterrence. 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 effectiveness of the Department of Correction's offender reentry programs
and practices;

(2) the targeting and tailoring of reentry programs to the various types of offender
groups and various types of crimes they committed;

(3) the effectiveness of Minnesota's crime deterrence policies and programs;

(4) best practices in crime deterrence;

(5) best practices in reducing criminal recidivism;

(6) the effectiveness of private and nonprofit crime deterrence and recidivism
reduction programs; and

(7) low-cost options to the state for encouraging an increase in private and nonprofit
crime deterrence and recidivism reduction programs.

(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 or
commissioner of corrections finds relevant.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** The task force consists of the following members:
(1) the commissioner of corrections, or the commissioner's designee;
(2) the commissioner of public safety, or the commissioner's designee;
(3) the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and
senate committees having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy, or their designees;
(5) two county attorneys selected by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;
(6) two representatives from the Board of Public Defense, selected by that board;
(7) a representative of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;
(8) a representative of the Minnesota Sheriffs Association;
(9) four probation officers, two selected by the commissioner of corrections and two
selected by the community corrections act counties; and
(10) a law professor who is knowledgeable in the area of crime deterrence and
recidivism reduction, selected by the commissioner of corrections.

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

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

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

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