

Probation and Parole Officer Safety Task Force Act of 2005 (Introduced in House)

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To establish a Probation and Parole Officer Safety Task Force within the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

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Mr. PASCARELL (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. WYNN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. PALLONE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Probation and Parole Officer Safety Task Force Act of 2005'.

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.

There is established within the Department of Justice a task force to be known as the 'Probation and Parole Officer Safety Task Force' (in this Act referred to as the 'Task Force').

SEC. 3. DUTIES.

(a) Study- The Task Force shall study Federal and State policies and practices as they affect the personal safety of probation and parole officers during the execution of their duties and recommend guidelines for the safety training of probation and parole officers, the use of force by probation and parole officers in the execution of their duties, and equipment standards for probation and parole officers, including whether to arm such officers.

(b) Report- Not later than one year after the date on which all members of the Task Force have been appointed pursuant to section 4, the Task Force shall submit to the Attorney General and to Congress a report containing the results of the study and the recommended guidelines under subsection (a), along with any other information and recommendations that the Task Force considers relevant to the personal safety of probation and parole officers.

SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) In General- The membership of the Task Force shall be composed of 9 individuals appointed by the Attorney General, in consultation with the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

(b) Qualifications- The members of the Task Force shall have knowledge of Federal and State policies and practices relating to the personal safety of probation and parole officers and shall include--

- (1) individuals with experience as a probation officer or other related official;
- (2) individuals with experience as a parole officer or other related official; and
- (3) representation from both urban and rural areas.

(c) Deadline for Appointment- The members of the Task Force shall be appointed not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) Chairperson- The Chairperson of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Attorney General not later than 30 days after the date on which all of the members of the Task Force have been appointed.

(e) Compensation- The members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for their service on the Task Force.

(f) Travel Expenses- Each member of the task force shall receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(g) Administrative Support- Upon the request of the Task Force, the head of any Federal agency shall, to the maximum extent practicable, provide to the Task Force such advice and assistance, with or without reimbursement, as is appropriate to assist the Task Force in carrying out its duties.

SEC. 5. TERMINATION.

The Task Force shall terminate on the date on which the Task Force submits its report under section 3(b).

SEC. 6. VIOLENCE AGAINST PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER STATISTICS.

Beginning after the date on which the Task Force terminates under section 5, the Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the Department of Justice shall carry out, for each calendar year, a comprehensive statistical review of the incidence and effects of violence perpetrated against Federal and State probation and parole officers and submit a report containing the results of the review to the Attorney General.