

SENATE BILL No. 447

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning domestic violence; creating a domestic violence task
2 force within the office of the attorney general; providing for
3 membership and duties of the task force.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established within the office of the
7 attorney general a domestic violence task force. The domestic violence
8 task force shall have 15 members as follows:

- 9 (1) One member appointed by the attorney general;
- 10 (2) one member appointed by the governor;
- 11 (3) one member appointed by the governor who has experience in
12 domestic violence advocacy;
- 13 (4) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of
14 representatives;
- 15 (5) one member appointed by the president of the senate;
- 16 (6) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
17 representatives;
- 18 (7) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
- 19 (8) four members appointed by the Kansas coalition against sexual
20 and domestic violence, three of whom are survivors of domestic violence;
- 21 (9) one member who is a prosecutor appointed by the Kansas county
22 and district attorneys association;
- 23 (10) one member who is a criminal defense attorney appointed by the
24 board of indigents' defense services;
- 25 (11) one member appointed by the Kansas fraternal order of police;
26 and
- 27 (12) one member appointed by the Kansas peace officers association.

28 (b) The domestic violence task force shall:

- 29 (1) Conduct a comprehensive review of the operation and
30 enforcement of domestic violence laws throughout the state and identify
31 gaps in the process;
- 32 (2) establish a framework for specialized protective networks for
33 victims of domestic violence, treatment options for victims and offenders
34 of domestic violence and specialty court options for domestic violence
35 offenders;
- 36 (3) study the availability of shelters for people fleeing domestic

1 violence and the feasibility of requiring each city or county to designate a
2 place as a short-term domestic violence shelter; and

3 (4) make policy recommendations to the legislature related to the
4 findings of the task force.

5 (c) Beginning on January 1, 2028, and each January 1 thereafter, the
6 task force shall provide a report of the policy recommendations of the task
7 force to the house of representatives standing committee on corrections
8 and juvenile justice and the senate standing committee on judiciary.

9 (d) Members of the task force shall be appointed on or before January
10 1, 2027. The members of the task force shall elect a member of the task
11 force to be the chairperson. The task force may meet at any time and any
12 place within the state upon the call of the chairperson.

13 (e) A quorum of the task force shall be eight voting members. All
14 actions of the task force shall be taken by a majority of members present
15 when there is a quorum.

16 (f) Members of the task force attending meetings shall be paid
17 amounts for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in K.S.A. 75-
18 3223(e), and amendments thereto.

19 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
20 publication in the statute book.