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 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 May 5, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-5 Nays 0; May 5, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the creation of a family violence criminal homicide
 1-18 prevention task force.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Government Code, is
 1-21 amended by adding Section 772.0065 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 772.0065. FAMILY VIOLENCE CRIMINAL HOMICIDE
 1-23 PREVENTION TASK FORCE. (a) In this section:

1-24 (1) "Criminal homicide" means an offense under Chapter
 1-25 19, Penal Code.

1-26 (2) "Family violence" has the meaning assigned by
 1-27 Section 71.004, Family Code.

1-28 (3) "Steering committee" means the steering committee
 1-29 of the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force
 1-30 established by Subsection (c).

1-31 (4) "Task force" means the Family Violence Criminal
 1-32 Homicide Prevention Task Force established by this section.

1-33 (b) The governor shall establish the Family Violence
 1-34 Criminal Homicide Prevention Task Force within the criminal justice
 1-35 division established under Section 772.006.

1-36 (c) The task force shall include a steering committee
 1-37 composed of the following members:

1-38 (1) the governor or the governor's designee; and

1-39 (2) the chief executive officer of a statewide family
 1-40 violence advocacy organization or the chief executive officer's
 1-41 designee.

1-42 (d) The task force is composed of the following members
 1-43 appointed by the steering committee:

1-44 (1) four representatives who are employees or
 1-45 contractors of a family violence center, as defined by Section
 1-46 51.002, Human Resources Code, from different regions across the
 1-47 state, representing both rural and urban areas;

1-48 (2) two representatives of a statewide family violence
 1-49 advocacy organization;

1-50 (3) one representative from an organization that
 1-51 operates statewide and provides legal services to victims of family
 1-52 violence;

1-53 (4) one representative from each state agency that has
 1-54 duties relating to the prevention, investigation, or prosecution of
 1-55 family violence or that provides services to survivors of family
 1-56 violence, including:

1-57 (A) the office of the attorney general;

1-58 (B) the Health and Human Services Commission;

1-59 (C) the Office of Court Administration;

1-60 (D) the Department of State Health Services; and

1-61 (E) the Department of Family and Protective

2-1 Services;
 2-2 (5) one representative from the family violence
 2-3 program operated by the Health and Human Services Commission;
 2-4 (6) one representative from the Center for Violence
 2-5 Prevention at The University of Texas Health Science Center at
 2-6 Houston;
 2-7 (7) the president of the Texas District and County
 2-8 Attorneys Association or the president's designee;
 2-9 (8) the executive director of the Texas Municipal
 2-10 Police Association or the executive director's designee;
 2-11 (9) the executive director of the Texas Commission on
 2-12 Law Enforcement or the executive director's designee;
 2-13 (10) one representative of the Texas Violent Death
 2-14 Reporting System;
 2-15 (11) one representative from a domestic violence high
 2-16 risk team described by Section 402.039;
 2-17 (12) two survivors of family violence; and
 2-18 (13) additional members as considered appropriate by
 2-19 the steering committee.
 2-20 (e) An appointed member serves at the pleasure of the
 2-21 steering committee.
 2-22 (f) The governor shall designate one member of the task
 2-23 force to serve as the presiding officer.
 2-24 (g) The task force shall meet at the call of the presiding
 2-25 officer.
 2-26 (h) The task force shall use any available federal or state
 2-27 funding for the purposes of this section.
 2-28 (i) The steering committee may establish one or more working
 2-29 groups, composed of members of the task force, to focus on specific
 2-30 issues regarding the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of
 2-31 family violence criminal homicide.
 2-32 (j) The task force shall:
 2-33 (1) analyze the top risk factors that may lead to
 2-34 family violence criminal homicide;
 2-35 (2) advise and provide resources to state agencies and
 2-36 nonprofit organizations to develop and improve training for
 2-37 professionals who interact with survivors of family violence;
 2-38 (3) collect, analyze, and make publicly available
 2-39 information, organized by region, regarding:
 2-40 (A) the prevention, investigation, and
 2-41 prosecution of family violence criminal homicide and other family
 2-42 violence offenses; and
 2-43 (B) services provided to family violence
 2-44 survivors, including a list of family violence advocacy
 2-45 organizations; and
 2-46 (4) develop policy recommendations to assist the state
 2-47 in:
 2-48 (A) effectively coordinating services to family
 2-49 violence survivors and funding to organizations that provide
 2-50 services to survivors; and
 2-51 (B) more effectively preventing, investigating,
 2-52 and prosecuting incidents of family violence criminal homicide.
 2-53 (k) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
 2-54 task force.
 2-55 (l) A task force member who is not employed by a state agency
 2-56 or an individual invited by the presiding officer to participate in
 2-57 a scheduled task force meeting is entitled to:
 2-58 (1) a per diem in the amount provided by the General
 2-59 Appropriations Act for each day the member performs duties as a task
 2-60 force member or the individual attends a task force meeting; and
 2-61 (2) reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses
 2-62 incurred in performing duties as a member or participant of the task
 2-63 force, as applicable.
 2-64 (m) Not later than December 1, 2026, the task force shall
 2-65 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of
 2-66 the house of representatives a written report containing the task
 2-67 force's findings and recommendations for legislative or other
 2-68 action.
 2-69 (n) The task force is abolished and this section expires

3-1 January 1, 2028.

3-2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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