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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mr. OWENS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Probation and Parole
5 Officer Safety Task Force Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7 There is established within the Department of Justice
8 a task force to be known as the “Probation and Parole

1 Officer Safety Task Force” (in this Act referred to as the
2 “Task Force”).

3 **SEC. 3. DUTIES.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Task Force shall study Federal and
5 State policies and practices as they affect the personal
6 safety of probation and parole officers during the execu-
7 tion of their duties and recommend guidelines for the safe-
8 ty training of probation and parole officers, the use of
9 force by probation and parole officers in the execution of
10 their duties, and equipment standards for probation and
11 parole officers, including whether to arm such officers.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
13 on which all members of the Task Force have been ap-
14 pointed pursuant to section 4, the Task Force shall submit
15 to the Attorney General and to Congress a report con-
16 taining the results of the study and the recommended
17 guidelines under subsection (a), along with any other in-
18 formation and recommendations that the Task Force con-
19 siders relevant to the personal safety of probation and pa-
20 role officers.

21 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The membership of the Task
23 Force shall be composed of 9 individuals appointed by the
24 Attorney General, in consultation with the Committee on

1 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the
2 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

3 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—The members of the Task
4 Force shall have knowledge of Federal and State policies
5 and practices relating to the personal safety of probation
6 and parole officers and shall include—

7 (1) individuals with experience as a probation
8 officer or other related official;

9 (2) individuals with experience as a parole offi-
10 cer or other related official; and

11 (3) representation from both urban and rural
12 areas.

13 (c) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—The members of
14 the Task Force shall be appointed not later than 90 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

20 (e) COMPENSATION.—The members of the Task
21 Force shall receive no compensation for their service on
22 the Task Force.

23 (f) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the task
24 force shall receive travel expenses, including per diem in

1 lieu of subsistence, in accordance with sections 5702 and
2 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

3 (g) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—Upon the request
4 of the Task Force, the head of any Federal agency shall,
5 to the maximum extent practicable, provide to the Task
6 Force such advice and assistance, with or without reim-
7 bursement, as is appropriate to assist the Task Force in
8 carrying out its duties.

9 **SEC. 5. TERMINATION.**

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

12 **SEC. 6. VIOLENCE AGAINST PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFI-**
13 **CER STATISTICS.**

14 Beginning after the date on which the Task Force
15 terminates under section 5, the Director of the Bureau
16 of Justice Statistics of the Department of Justice shall
17 carry out, for each calendar year, a comprehensive statis-
18 tical review of the incidence and effects of violence per-
19 petrated against Federal and State probation and parole
20 officers and submit a report containing the results of the
21 review to the Attorney General.

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