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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT establishing the Task Force on Workplace Violence.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. a. There is established the Task Force on Workplace Violence.
7 The task force shall consist of ¹[five] six¹ members as follows: the
8 Commissioners of Labor and Health and the Director of the Division
9 of Workers' Compensation, or their designees, who shall serve
10 ex-officio; and ¹[two] three¹ public members who shall be appointed
11 by the Governor, including one representative of the business
12 community ¹[and],¹ one representative of organized labor ¹and one
13 advocate from the battered women's community¹. The task force shall
14 organize upon the appointment of a majority of its authorized
15 membership and shall elect a chairman from among the members. The
16 members of the task force shall serve for the duration of the existence
17 of the commission. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as
18 the original appointment, but only for the balance of the unexpired
19 term. The task force members shall serve without compensation, but
20 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance
21 of their duties.

22 b. The task force shall study the frequency and consequences of,
23 and most effective means to prevent workplace violence. The task
24 force shall, not later than 180 days after the effective date of this act,
25 issue a report to the Governor and the Legislature which shall include,
26 but not be limited to: (1) a review of the incidence of workplace
27 violence, based on data obtained from federal, State and local health,
28 labor and law enforcement agencies; (2) an analysis of the types of
29 businesses, employees and situations associated with or subject to the
30 greatest danger of workplace violence; and (3) recommendations

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly floor amendments adopted November 14, 1996.

1 concerning laws, regulations or incentives necessary for increased
2 security in workplaces and protection of employees, including any
3 draft legislation the task force deems appropriate.

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5 2. a. The task force shall be entitled to the assistance and services
6 of the employees of any State board, bureau, commission or agency as
7 it may require and as may be available to it for these purposes, and to
8 employ stenographic and clerical assistants and incur traveling and
9 other miscellaneous expenses as necessary, to perform its duties.

10 b. The Departments of Labor and Health shall assist the task force
11 in the performance of its duties and provide the task force with
12 studies, data or other materials in the possession of those departments.

13 c. The employees of any State agency or political subdivision of the
14 State may serve at the request of the task force upon any advisory
15 committee which the task force may create and these employees may
16 serve upon these committees without forfeiture of office or
17 employment and with no loss or diminution in the compensation,
18 status, rights and privileges which they otherwise enjoy.

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20 3. For purposes of carrying out its duties and responsibilities under
21 this act, the task force shall be authorized to administer oaths or
22 affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, examine
23 them under oath or affirmation, and require the production of any
24 books, records, documents or other evidence it may deem relevant or
25 material to its duties and responsibilities. The task force may meet and
26 hold hearings at the place or places it designates, at which it may
27 request the appearance of officials of any State agency or political
28 subdivision of the State and may solicit the testimony of interested
29 groups and the general public.

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31 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon the
32 issuance of the task force's report.

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37 Establishes Task Force on Workplace Violence.