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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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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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

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## 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 2005”.

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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