

HB 1597 -- MISSING AND MURDERED AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN AND GIRLS
TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Reuter

This bill establishes the "Missing and Murdered African American Women and Girls Task Force". The membership is specified in the bill and includes two members of the Senate, with one appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate and two members of the House of Representatives, with one appointed by the Speaker and one appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives. The task force must elect a chairperson and hold an initial meeting before October 1, 2025.

The task force will submit a report regarding policies and measures to address violence against African American women and girls to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31 of each year. The task force will expire on December 31, 2027, unless the Department of Public Safety determines the Task Force should be extended until December 31, 2029.

This bill is the same as HB 1421 (2025).