

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2275

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE C. WILLIAMS

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "FIREARMS"
2 and providing for Gun Violence Task Force in cities of the
3 first class

4 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 21 and 22
5 Section 2. Title 18 is amended by adding a section to read:
6 § 6129. Gun Violence Task Force in cities of the first class.

7 (a) Establishment.--

8 (1) A joint local-State firearm task force is
9 established in each city of the first class, which shall be
10 known as the Gun Violence Task Force.

11 (2) The Gun Violence Task Force shall be under the
12 authority of the Attorney General.

13 (b) Powers and duties.--

14 (1) The Gun Violence Task Force shall investigate and
15 prosecute violations of sections 6105 (relating to persons
16 not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer
17 firearms) and 6111 (relating to sale or transfer of firearms)
18 in a city of the first class.

19 (2) The Gun Violence Task Force may utilize
20 investigatory teams under subsection (e).

21 (c) Composition.--

22 (1) The Gun Violence Task Force shall include, at a
23 minimum:

24 (i) The Attorney General or deputy attorneys
25 general.

26 (ii) Members of the office of the district attorney
27 in a city of the first class.

28 (iii) Law enforcement officers of the Attorney
29 General.

30 (iv) Law enforcement officers of a city of the first
31 class.

32 (v) Law enforcement officers of the Pennsylvania
33 State Police.

34 (2) The Gun Violence Task Force may include, as
35 determined by the Attorney General:

36 (i) Federal law enforcement officers.

37 (ii) Other Commonwealth law enforcement officers

located in a city of the first class.

(iii) Other local law enforcement officers located in a city of the first class.

(iv) Campus police officers located in a city of the first class.

(d) Funding.--The Gun Violence Task Force shall be funded from annual General Fund appropriations to a joint local-State firearm task force in a city of the first class. Funding shall be under the control of the Attorney General.

(e) Investigatory teams.--The Attorney General may empanel individualized investigatory teams that work in conjunction with and under the purview of the Gun Violence Task Force.

(f) Notice.--Each law enforcement agency that is a member of the Gun Violence Task Force shall notify the Gun Violence Task Force of any arrest or other criminal action or proceeding involving an alleged violation of section 6105 or 6111 within 48 hours of the arrest or of instituting the action or proceeding.

(g) Preemptive jurisdiction over certain offenses.--

(1) The Attorney General may assert preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction over any criminal actions or proceedings, including proceedings for the forfeiture or condemnation of property under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 58 (relating to forfeiture of assets), for which the Attorney General otherwise has jurisdiction as provided by law.

(2) Any assertion of preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction under paragraph (1) shall only be made in a court in a city of the first class.

(3) In cases in which the Attorney General asserts preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction under paragraph (1), no other prosecuting entity for the Commonwealth shall have authority to act, except as authorized by the Attorney General. No person shall have standing to challenge the authority of the Attorney General to prosecute the cases, and, if any challenge is made, the challenge shall be dismissed and no relief shall be available in the courts of this Commonwealth to the entity making the challenge.

(4) Any grant of jurisdiction to the Attorney General under section 6105 or 6111 shall be exclusive to the Gun Violence Task Force.

Violence Task Force.

(1) By October 1 of each year, the Attorney General shall make an annual report on the operation of the Gun Violence Task Force to:

(i) The Appropriations Committee of the Senate.

(ii) The Judiciary Committee of the Senate.

(iii) The Appropriations Committee of the House of
representatives.

(iv) The Judiciary Committee of the House of

Representatives.

(2) Each report under this subsection shall contain the following information for the previous fiscal year regarding

the Gun Violence Task Force:

(i) The number of members, per agency, serving on the Gun Violence Task Force.

(ii) The total number of arrests in a city of the first class for alleged violations of section 6105 or 6111, including separately the total number of arrests by the Gun Violence Task Force.

(iii) The total number of bills of information filed for alleged violations of section 6105 or 6111, including separately the total number of bills filed by the Gun Violence Task Force.

(iv) The total number of convictions resulting from prosecutions under subparagraph (iii), including separately the total number of convictions resulting from prosecutions by the Gun Violence Task Force.

(v) The sentences imposed for each conviction under subparagraph (iv), including separately the sentences imposed for each conviction resulting from a prosecution by the Gun Violence Task Force.

(vi) The number of firearms seized by the Gun Violence Task Force.

(vii) A summary of expenditures, including any money appropriated for the Gun Violence Task Force in a previous year that is carried over or unspent.

Amend Bill, page 2, line 22, by striking out "2" and

26 inserting

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