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House Bill No. 5288

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. HORN of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORT FORM USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to examine the uniform investigation of accident report form prescribed
3 under subsection (a) of section 14-108a of the general statutes and
4 consider modifications to such form to address issues including, but not
5 limited to, the length of such form and the time needed by police officers
6 and other individuals investigating an accident to complete such form.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 who is a municipal police officer;

10 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is
11 a police chief from a municipality with a population of at least forty-five
12 thousand;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
14 Representatives, who is a municipal police officer;

15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a
16 representative of an association representing the interests of
17 municipalities;

18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives, who is a representative from an association
20 representing the interests of police chiefs;

21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

22 (7) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's
23 designee;

24 (8) Five appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation, or the
25 commissioner's designee, one of whom is an employee of the Highway
26 Safety Office within the Department of Transportation, one of whom is
27 an employee of the Bureau of Engineering and Construction within the
28 department and one of whom is a professor employed by an institution
29 of higher education in this state who specializes in transportation-
30 related research; and

31 (9) One appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and
32 Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee, who is a sworn
33 member of the Division of State Police within the Department of
34 Emergency Services and Public Protection.

35 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
36 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
37 of the General Assembly.

38 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
39 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
40 be filled by the appointing authority.

41 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro

42 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
43 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
44 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
45 days after the effective date of this section.

46 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
47 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
48 and security shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

49 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report,
50 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
51 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
52 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
53 safety and security. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
54 submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study the motor vehicle accident report form. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Public Safety and Security Committee by January 1, 2023.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

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