

African American community; and academic researchers and experts, specifically those specializing in violence against African American women and girls, those representing diverse communities disproportionately affected by violence against women and girls, or those focusing on issues related to gender violence and violence against African American women and girls. Meetings of the task force may include reports from, or information provided by, those individuals or groups.

Subd. 4. **Report.** On or before December 15, 2022, the task force shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over public safety, human services, and state government on the work of the task force. The report must contain the task force's findings and recommendations and shall include institutional policies and practices, or proposed institutional policies and practices, that are effective in reducing gender violence and increasing the safety of African American women and girls; recommendations for appropriate tracking and collecting of data on violence against African American women and girls; and recommendations for legislative action to reduce and end violence against African American women and girls and help victims and communities heal from gender violence and violence against African American women and girls.

Subd. 5. **Expiration.** The task force expires upon submission of the report required under subdivision 4.

**Sec. 51. PUBLIC SAFETY ESCROW ACCOUNT.**

State agencies may accept funds from the public safety escrow account. Funds accepted by a state agency must be deposited in an account in the special revenue fund and are appropriated to that agency for the purposes for which they are received.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to funds received by a state agency on or after June 28, 2018.

**Sec. 52. SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION DIRECTED TO INCREASE THE RANKINGS FOR CERTAIN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CRIMES.**

The Sentencing Guidelines Commission is directed to increase the severity rankings on the sex offender grid for a violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 617.247, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), from severity level D to C, and subdivision 4, paragraph (b), from severity level F to E, consistent with the recommendations contained in the minority report in the commission's 2021 report to the legislature. The other modifications to the grid relating to child pornography crimes proposed in the main report are adopted.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective September 15, 2021, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

**Sec. 53. TASK FORCE ON AIDING AND ABETTING FELONY MURDER.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given:

(1) "aiding and abetting" means a person who is criminally liable for a crime committed by another because that person intentionally aided, advised, hired, counseled, or conspired with or otherwise procured the other to commit the crime; and

(2) "felony murder" means a violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 609.185, paragraph (a), clause (2), (3), (5), (6), or (7); or 609.19, subdivision 2, clause (1).

Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The task force on aiding and abetting felony murder is established to collect and analyze data on the charging, convicting, and sentencing of people for aiding and abetting felony murder; assess whether current laws and practices promote public safety and equity in sentencing; and make recommendations to the legislature.

Subd. 3. **Membership.** (a) The task force consists of the following members:

- (1) the commissioner of corrections or a designee;
- (2) the executive director of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission or a designee;
- (3) the state public defender or a designee;
- (4) the statewide coordinator of the Violent Crime Coordinating Council or a designee;
- (5) one defense attorney, appointed by the Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers;
- (6) two county attorneys, one from a county within the seven-county metropolitan area and the other from outside the seven-county metropolitan area, appointed by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;
- (7) a peace officer familiar with homicide investigations, preferably felony murder, appointed jointly by the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association, and the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association;
- (8) one member representing a victims' rights organization, appointed by the senate majority leader;
- (9) one member of a statewide civil rights organization, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (10) one impacted person who is directly related to a person who has been convicted of felony murder, appointed by the governor; and
- (11) one person with expertise regarding the laws and practices of other states relating to aiding and abetting felony murder, appointed by the governor.

(b) Appointments must be made no later than July 30, 2021.

(c) Members shall serve without compensation.

(d) Members of the task force serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority or until the task force expires. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority consistent with the qualifications of the vacating member required by this subdivision.

Subd. 4. **Officers; meetings.** (a) The task force shall elect a chair and vice-chair and may elect other officers as necessary.

(b) The commissioner of corrections shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than August 1, 2021, and shall provide meeting space and administrative assistance as necessary for the task force to conduct its work.

(c) The task force shall meet at least monthly or upon the call of its chair. The task force shall meet sufficiently enough to accomplish the tasks identified in this section. Meetings of the task force are subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

(d) To compile and analyze data, the task force shall request the cooperation and assistance of local law enforcement agencies, the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, the judicial branch, the Bureau

of Criminal Apprehension, county attorneys, and Tribal governments and may request the cooperation of academics and others with experience and expertise in researching the impact of laws criminalizing aiding and abetting felony murder.

Subd. 5. **Duties.** (a) The task force shall, at a minimum:

(1) collect and analyze data on charges, convictions, and sentences for aiding and abetting felony murder;

(2) collect and analyze data on sentences for aiding and abetting felony murder in which a person received a mitigated durational departure because the person played a minor or passive role in the crime or participated under circumstances of coercion or duress;

(3) collect and analyze data on charges, convictions, and sentences for codefendants of people sentenced for aiding and abetting felony murder;

(4) review relevant state statutes and state and federal court decisions;

(5) receive input from individuals who were convicted of aiding and abetting felony murder;

(6) receive input from family members of individuals who were victims of felony murder;

(7) analyze the benefits and unintended consequences of Minnesota Statutes and practices related to the charging, convicting, and sentencing of people for aiding and abetting felony murder including but not limited to an analysis of whether current statutes and practice:

(i) promote public safety; and

(ii) properly punish people for their role in an offense; and

(8) make recommendations for legislative action, if any, on laws affecting:

(i) the collection and reporting of data; and

(ii) the charging, convicting, and sentencing of people for aiding and abetting felony murder.

(b) At its discretion, the task force may examine, as necessary, other related issues consistent with this section.

Subd. 6. **Report.** On or before January 15, 2022, the task force shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over criminal sentencing on the findings and recommendations of the task force.

Subd. 7. **Expiration.** The task force expires the day after submitting its report under subdivision 6.

#### Sec. 54. **SENTENCING GUIDELINES MODIFICATION.**

The Sentencing Guidelines Commission shall comprehensively review and consider modifying how the Sentencing Guidelines and the sex offender grid address the crimes described in Minnesota Statutes, section 609.322.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.

#### Sec. 55. **TITLE.**

Section 22 shall be known as "Travis's Law."