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1 AN ACT Relating to a task force on funding for community-based
2 services to victims of crime; adding a new section to chapter 43.31
3 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) There is created the Washington state task force on funding for
8 community-based services to victims of crime.

9 (2) The task force shall consist of the following members:

10 (a) The director of the office of community development, or the
11 director's designee;

12 (b) The secretary of the department of social and health services,
13 or the secretary's designee;

14 (c) The director of the department of labor and industries, or the
15 director's designee;

16 (d) At least eleven, but not more than fifteen, additional members,
17 selected by the director of the office of community development,
18 including: At least one representative each of community-based
19 organizations that focus on providing services to homicide survivors,

1 assault victims (other than sexual assault and domestic violence),
2 robbery victims, child abuse victims, and victims of drunk and drugged
3 drivers (vehicular assault and vehicular homicide); one representative
4 of organizations that provide services primarily to domestic violence
5 victims; one representative of organizations providing services
6 primarily to sexual assault victims; one representative of programs
7 that provide services to victims who are deaf, blind, or otherwise
8 disabled; one representative of organizations that provide services
9 solely for victims to whom English is a second language; one
10 representative of victim service programs administered by law
11 enforcement agencies; and one representative of victim/witness
12 assistance programs administered by county prosecuting attorneys;

13 (e) Four legislators, two from the senate to be chosen by the
14 president of the senate and two from the house of representatives to be
15 chosen by the speaker of the house of representatives. Not more than
16 one member from each chamber may be a member of the largest political
17 party caucus.

18 (3) The task force shall be chaired by the director of the office
19 of community development, or the director's designee.

20 (4) The task force shall carry out the following activities:

21 (a) Measure and evaluate the progress of the state in providing
22 funding to community-based programs that provide services to victims of
23 crime, especially the underserved victim populations identified as:
24 Homicide survivors, physical assault victims (nondomestic violence and
25 nonsexual assault related), robbery victims, child abuse victims,
26 vehicular assault and homicide victims and survivors, and victims of
27 property crimes;

28 (b) Identify available federal, state, and local programs that
29 provide services to underserved victims as defined in (a) of this
30 subsection;

31 (c) Make recommendations on methods to provide a cost-effective
32 coordinated system of support and assistance to persons who are victims
33 of crime;

34 (d) Make recommendations on funding necessary to provide
35 appropriate services to the underserved victims, with recommendations
36 on revenue sources; and

37 (e) Identify statutory and administrative barriers to improving the
38 delivery of cost-effective and coordinated services to crime victims.

1 (5) State and local government agencies that participate in the
2 delivery of services to crime victims shall, upon request, provide
3 information and technical assistance to the task force, within existing
4 funds.

5 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
6 the governor and the legislature by November 30, 2002.

7 (7) The office of community development shall provide necessary
8 administrative and clerical support to the task force.

9 (8) The members of the task force shall serve without compensation,
10 but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW
11 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

12 (9) The task force expires March 1, 2003.

13 (10) This section expires March 1, 2003.

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