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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A juvenile issues task force is created
8 to review the operation of the 1977 Juvenile Justice Act, the Family
9 Reconciliation Act, the 1990 "at-risk" youth legislation, and to study
10 related issues. The task force is charged with issuing a report and
11 making recommendations to the legislature by December 15, 1991.

12 The task force shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) Three co-chairs, one from the state senate appointed by the
14 president of the senate; one from the state house of representatives
15 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and one
16 appointed by the governor from among the members of the task force
17 named in subsection (3) of this section.

18 (2) Eight legislators in addition to the two legislative cochairs
19 selected under subsection (1) of this section, two each from the
20 majority and minority caucuses of the senate and two each from the
21 majority and minority caucuses of the house of representatives.

22 (3) The governor shall appoint the following members of the task
23 force:

24 (a) Three superior court judges;

25 (b) Two prosecuting attorneys;

26 (c) Two juvenile public defenders;

27 (d) The secretary of social and health services or the secretary's
28 designee;

- 1 (e) Two juvenile court administrators;
- 2 (f) One police chief or county sheriff;
- 3 (g) One child psychologist;
- 4 (h) One child psychiatrist;
- 5 (i) Two directors of a youth organization;
- 6 (j) One person from the Washington council on crime and
7 delinquency;
- 8 (k) One person from a parents' organization;
- 9 (l) One person from a crisis residential center;
- 10 (m) One juvenile court caseworker;
- 11 (n) One representative of the executive branch;
- 12 (o) One member of the mental health treatment community; and
- 13 (p) One member from the substance abuse treatment community.

14 The department of social and health services shall fund the task
15 force in an amount sufficient to meet its mission. The task force
16 shall be staffed, to the extent possible, by staff available from the
17 membership of the task force.

18 The governor shall ensure that the racial diversity of the task
19 force membership appointed by the governor reflects the racial
20 diversity of juveniles served under the Family Reconciliation Act, the
21 1977 Juvenile Justice Act, and the 1990 "at-risk" youth legislation."

22 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The department of social and health
23 services, in cooperation with the commission on African American
24 affairs, shall contract for an independent study of racial
25 disproportionality in the juvenile justice system. The study shall
26 identify key decision points in the juvenile justice system where race
27 and/or ethnicity-based disproportionality exists in the treatment and
28 incarceration of juvenile offenders. The study shall identify the

1 causes of disproportionality, and propose new policies and procedures
2 to address disproportionality.

3 The department shall submit the study's preliminary findings and
4 recommendations to the juvenile justice task force established under
5 section 1 of this act by September 13, 1991. The final report shall be
6 submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December
7 1, 1991.

8 The juvenile justice task force shall utilize the information on
9 disproportionality in developing its report and recommendations to the
10 legislature required under section 1 of this act."

11 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
14 effect immediately."

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16 By Committee on Judiciary

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18 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "justice;" strike the
19 remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; and declaring
20 an emergency."