

SENATE BILL 2289

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 33 and Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative
to the creation of the Tennessee gun transfer task
force.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

4-3-3101.

There is established the Tennessee gun transfer task force to develop and implement a state plan for the establishment of psychological background checks for gun transfers.

4-3-3102.

The task force shall meet at least quarterly and is authorized to address all aspects of establishing background checks for gun transfers, including, but not limited to, the commercial and private transfer of firearms, as defined in § 39-11-106.

4-3-3103.

- (a) The task force shall be comprised of twelve (12) members as follows:
- (1) A gun task force chairperson, to be appointed by the governor;
 - (2) One (1) representative from each of the following:
 - (A) Department of health;
 - (B) Tennessee bureau of investigation;
 - (C) Department of safety;
 - (D) Office of the attorney general and reporter;
 - (E) District attorneys general conference;

(F) Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police;

(G) Tennessee Sheriffs' Association;

(H) District public defenders conference; and

(I) Tennessee Judicial Conference Executive Committee; and

(3) One (1) member of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one (1) member of the senate to be appointed by the speaker of the senate.

(b) The representatives listed in:

(1) Subdivisions (a)(2)(A)–(C) shall be appointed by the governor;

(2) Subdivisions (a)(2)(D)–(F) shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate; and

(3) Subdivisions (a)(2)(G)–(I) shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, and shall not be reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending such meetings, unless otherwise required by law.

(d) In making appointments pursuant to this section, the appointing authorities shall strive to ensure that the task force is composed of persons who are diverse in professional or educational background, ethnicity, race, gender, geographic residency, heritage, perspective and experience.

4-3-3104.

The gun transfer task force shall submit an annual report to the governor or the governor's designee by December 31 of each year. Such report shall include detailed information on the findings and recommendations of the task force.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of making appointments to the gun transfer task force, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.