SECTION _. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLENT CRIME TASK FORCE – REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.

1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall establish and provide meeting space for a law enforcement and violent crime task force that will be chaired by the attorney general or a designee of the attorney general. The office of the attorney general shall provide staffing and administrative services to the task force. The task force members must include five members selected by the attorney general, a police chief selected by the chief of police association of North Dakota, a sheriff selected by the North Dakota sheriff's association, a bureau of criminal investigations agent, a representative of the department of corrections and rehabilitation, a member of the parole board selected by the members, a district court judge or former district court judge selected by the chief justice of the supreme court, a representative of the Burleigh County state's attorney's office, a representative of the North Dakota state's attorneys' association, and two legislators selected by the chair of legislative management. The costs for travel to and from task force meetings for task force members who are not state employees may be reimbursed at the state rate by the office of the attorney general.

2. The task force shall consider:

a. Information from law enforcement agencies regarding violent crime,
recidivism, recruitment, retention, and working conditions;

- b. Input from law enforcement agencies on state laws, policies, and practices that significantly impact their employees and communities;
- c. Data collected from the department of corrections and rehabilitation including data on recidivism, time spent in incarceration, probation and parole violations, assaults on corrections officers, intermediate measures, and participation in rehabilitation and other programs;
- d. Objective outcomes of current criminal justice practices;
- e. Current research on the effects of incarceration on recidivism and violent crime;
- f. Definitions of successful completion of prison sentences, probation, and parole used by state agencies;
- g. Safety and accountability measures for minimum security facilities and transitional facilities which are necessary to protect the public;
- The impact of current criminal justice practices on prosecutors' charging decisions, county jails, and county budgets;
- i. Current laws regarding how criminal sentences are served; and
- j. Other relevant information.
- The task force shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.