

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2275

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE C. WILLIAMS

Printer's No. 2977

1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "FIREARMS"  
2 and providing for Gun Violence Task Force in cities of the  
3 first class

4 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 21 and 22

5 Section 2. Title 18 is amended by adding a section to read:

6 § 6129. Gun Violence Task Force in cities of the first class.

7 (a) Establishment.--

8 (1) A joint local-State firearm task force is  
9 established in each city of the first class, which shall be  
10 known as the Gun Violence Task Force.

11 (2) The Gun Violence Task Force shall be under the  
12 authority of the Attorney General.

13 (b) Powers and duties.--

14 (1) The Gun Violence Task Force shall investigate and  
15 prosecute violations of sections 6105 (relating to persons  
16 not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer  
17 firearms) and 6111 (relating to sale or transfer of firearms)  
18 in a city of the first class.

19 (2) The Gun Violence Task Force may utilize  
20 investigatory teams under subsection (e).

21 (c) Composition.--

22 (1) The Gun Violence Task Force shall include, at a  
23 minimum:

24 (i) The Attorney General or deputy attorneys  
25 general.

26 (ii) Members of the office of the district attorney  
27 in a city of the first class.

28 (iii) Law enforcement officers of the Attorney  
29 General.

30 (iv) Law enforcement officers of a city of the first  
31 class.

32 (v) Law enforcement officers of the Pennsylvania  
33 State Police.

34 (2) The Gun Violence Task Force may include, as  
35 determined by the Attorney General:

36 (i) Federal law enforcement officers.

37 (ii) Other Commonwealth law enforcement officers

1 located in a city of the first class.

2 (iii) Other local law enforcement officers located  
3 in a city of the first class.

4 (iv) Campus police officers located in a city of the  
5 first class.

6 (d) Funding.--The Gun Violence Task Force shall be funded  
7 from annual General Fund appropriations to a joint local-State  
8 firearm task force in a city of the first class. Funding shall  
9 be under the control of the Attorney General.

10 (e) Investigatory teams.--The Attorney General may empanel  
11 individualized investigatory teams that work in conjunction with  
12 and under the purview of the Gun Violence Task Force.

13 (f) Notice.--Each law enforcement agency that is a member of  
14 the Gun Violence Task Force shall notify the Gun Violence Task  
15 Force of any arrest or other criminal action or proceeding  
16 involving an alleged violation of section 6105 or 6111 within 48  
17 hours of the arrest or of instituting the action or proceeding.

18 (g) Preemptive jurisdiction over certain offenses.--

19 (1) The Attorney General may assert preemptive  
20 prosecutorial jurisdiction over any criminal actions or  
21 proceedings, including proceedings for the forfeiture or  
22 condemnation of property under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 58 (relating to  
23 forfeiture of assets), for which the Attorney General  
24 otherwise has jurisdiction as provided by law.

25 (2) Any assertion of preemptive prosecutorial  
26 jurisdiction under paragraph (1) shall only be made in a  
27 court in a city of the first class.

28 (3) In cases in which the Attorney General asserts  
29 preemptive prosecutorial jurisdiction under paragraph (1), no  
30 other prosecuting entity for the Commonwealth shall have  
31 authority to act, except as authorized by the Attorney  
32 General. No person shall have standing to challenge the  
33 authority of the Attorney General to prosecute the cases,  
34 and, if any challenge is made, the challenge shall be  
35 dismissed and no relief shall be available in the courts of  
36 this Commonwealth to the entity making the challenge.

37 (4) Any grant of jurisdiction to the Attorney General  
38 under section 6105 or 6111 shall be exclusive to the Gun  
39 Violence Task Force.

40 (h) Annual reports.--

41 (1) By October 1 of each year, the Attorney General  
42 shall make an annual report on the operation of the Gun  
43 Violence Task Force to:

44 (i) The Appropriations Committee of the Senate.

45 (ii) The Judiciary Committee of the Senate.

46 (iii) The Appropriations Committee of the House of  
47 Representatives.

48 (iv) The Judiciary Committee of the House of  
49 Representatives.

50 (2) Each report under this subsection shall contain the  
51 following information for the previous fiscal year regarding

1 the Gun Violence Task Force:

2 (i) The number of members, per agency, serving on  
3 the Gun Violence Task Force.

4 (ii) The total number of arrests in a city of the  
5 first class for alleged violations of section 6105 or  
6 6111, including separately the total number of arrests by  
7 the Gun Violence Task Force.

8 (iii) The total number of bills of information filed  
9 for alleged violations of section 6105 or 6111, including  
10 separately the total number of bills filed by the Gun  
11 Violence Task Force.

12 (iv) The total number of convictions resulting from  
13 prosecutions under subparagraph (iii), including  
14 separately the total number of convictions resulting from  
15 prosecutions by the Gun Violence Task Force.

16 (v) The sentences imposed for each conviction under  
17 subparagraph (iv), including separately the sentences  
18 imposed for each conviction resulting from a prosecution  
19 by the Gun Violence Task Force.

20 (vi) The number of firearms seized by the Gun  
21 Violence Task Force.

22 (vii) A summary of expenditures, including any money  
23 appropriated for the Gun Violence Task Force in a  
24 previous year that is carried over or unspent.

25 Amend Bill, page 2, line 22, by striking out "2" and

26 inserting

27 3