

HB 52 -- TASK FORCE ON CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARDS

SPONSOR: Walton Gray

This bill creates the Task Force on Civilian Review Boards. The task force will consist of nine persons appointed by the governor. Membership may include, but not be limited to, representatives of the following groups:

- (1) Civic organizations;
- (2) Community-based organizations;
- (3) Local government;
- (4) Local police organizations;
- (5) Licensed attorneys with experience in criminal defense who are in no way involved in prosecuting crimes; and
- (6) The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.

The task force must not meet more than four times annually. Members may be reimbursed for expenses but will not receive a per diem allowance.

The task force must:

- (1) Clarify the civilian review board's power to receive, investigate, make findings and recommend disciplinary action upon complaints by members of the public against members of the police department that allege misconduct involving excessive use of force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, or use of offensive language, including, but not limited to, slurs relating to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and disability; and
- (2) Make recommendations to law enforcement agencies and communities that may help the civilian review board perform its duties.