

HB 1501 -- TASK FORCE ON POLICE OFFICERS IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

SPONSOR: Walton Gray

This bill establishes the Task Force on Police Officer Presence in Schools and Communities to increase positive social interaction between youth and law enforcement officers. The task force will focus its efforts in the communities of St. Louis County that contain school districts with a total minority student population that exceeds 50%.

The task force will consist of nine people to be appointed by the Director of the Department of Public Safety. Members may include, but are not limited to, representatives from community-based organizations, members of local government and law enforcement, and educators.

The task force shall not meet more than four times annually, and its various responsibilities for developing successful community and school programs are set out in the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 71 (2015).