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Overview

This bill creates the Law Enforcement Task Force on Animal Cruelty. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall convene the 19-member task force by August 1, 2014.

At a minimum, the task force shall: (1) evaluate animal cruelty in the state and analyze the types of crimes; (2) evaluate best practices pertaining to enforcement of anti-cruelty laws; (3) evaluate funding needs; and (4) make recommendations on changes, improvements, implementation, and funding of initiatives.

The bill authorizes the task force to accept outside funding and recommend grant awards. Section 2 contains a blank appropriation.

A legislative report is due by February 15, 2015, at which point the task force expires.