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- Bill Summary :

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The bill would create a task force comprised of the following members: two each appointed by the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives and two each appointed by the majority and minority leader of the senate, for a total of eight members. Members must have relevant expertise and must not be members of the legislature, legislative staff, or lobbyists.

The task force would be required to meet and produce a report to the legislature of best practices recommendations on the following topics:

- (1) procedures for reporting sexual misconduct of elected officials and candidates;
- (2) training on sexual harassment and workplace conduct for elected officials, staff, and candidates;
- (3) a nonpartisan process for receiving and investigating complaints; and
- (4) any other issues relevant to ensuring a safe and respectful work environment at the capitol.

The task force would be required to convene its first meeting no later than 30 days following enactment of the bill and the report would be due 60 days after the first meeting of the task force. The task force would then expire.