

§ 115C-105.55. Establish Task Force for Safer Schools.

(a) Task Force Established. – There is hereby created the Task Force for Safer Schools within the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

(b) Membership. – The Task Force shall consist of 25 members. The composition of the Task Force shall include all of the following:

- (1) The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety or the Secretary's designee.
- (2) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Secretary's designee.
- (3) A member of the State Board of Education appointed by the Governor.
- (4) Two local school board members appointed by the Chair of the State Board of Education.
- (5) A representative from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety.
- (6) A representative from the North Carolina Justice Academy appointed by the Attorney General.
- (7) A member of the Governor's Crime Commission appointed by the Governor.
- (8) Two local law enforcement officers appointed by the Governor.
- (9) Two public school administrators appointed by the Chair of the State Board of Education.
- (10) A public school teacher appointed by the Chair of the State Board of Education.
- (11) A public school psychologist appointed by the Governor.
- (12) A public school resource officer appointed by the Governor.
- (13) Two high school students currently enrolled at public high schools appointed by the Governor.
- (14) A parent of a currently enrolled public school student appointed by the Governor.
- (15) A juvenile justice professional appointed by the Governor.
- (16) A North Carolina licensed social worker appointed by the Governor.
- (17) A North Carolina licensed school counselor appointed by the Governor.
- (18) An expert in gang intervention and prevention in schools appointed by the Governor.
- (19) Three at-large members appointed by the Governor.

(c) Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair. – The Governor shall appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair from among the membership of the Task Force. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(d) Terms; Vacancies. – Effective December 1, 2016, all members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Members may be reappointed to successive terms. Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the Task Force created by the resignation, dismissal, death, disability, or disqualification of a member shall be for the balance of the unexpired term.

(e) Removal. – The Governor shall have the authority to remove any member of the Task Force for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance, pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 143B-13.

(f) Per Diem, Etc. – Members of the Task Force may receive necessary per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. (2016-126, 4th Ex. Sess., s. 41.1(b); 2023-78, s. 1.)