

**SENATE FISCAL AGENCY  
 MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 24, 2024  
**TO:** Members of the Michigan Senate  
**FROM:** John Maxwell, Fiscal Analyst  
**RE:** Executive Order 2024-4

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On June 20, 2024, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order (E.O.) 2024-4, which would create the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force (Task Force) within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

The E.O. would create the Task Force as a body to act in an advisory capacity with the goal of reducing the rates and instances of gun violence in Michigan by advising on prevention, intervention, and accountability and equity focused strategies. The Task Force will include 21 unpaid members with budget, procurement, and related management functions to be performed by the DHHS. The Task Force shall issue an initial report 180 days after the first meeting, issue a final report no later than 180 days after providing an initial report, and be dissolved 180 days after the delivery of the final report.

The Task Force was established under Article V, Section 1 and 4 of the Michigan Constitution as a temporary agency and is not subject to legislative disapproval.

**Creation of the Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention**

Executive Order 2024-4 created the Task Force as an advisory body within the DHHS. The Task Force may include eleven members from within the government of this State and may include an additional ten members from an undefined class of "community-at-large" for a total of twenty-one. Members of the Task Force from state government are ex officio members and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members of the Task Force from the "community-at-large" will serve for the duration of the Task Force at the pleasure of the Governor. All members of the Task Force will not receive compensation other than travel and expenses consistent with applicable law and subject to available funding. Membership vacancies within the Task Force are to be filled in the same manner of original appointment. The Governor will select the chairperson for the Task Force from the ex officio members.

The eleven members from the government of this State who may be included:

- the Chief Medical Executive of this State,
- one representative from the following divisions within the DHHS:
  - the Office of Community Violence Intervention,
  - the Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Council,
  - the Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration,
  - the Division of Victim Services

- the Director of the Michigan State Police (MSP) or designee,
- the designated representative from the MSP Office of School Safety,
- the Superintendent of the Michigan Department of Education or designee from the Michigan Department of Education,
- the Director of the Michigan Department of Lifelong Learning, Education, Advancement, and Potential or designee,
- the Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights or designee,
- the Director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The ten members appointed by the Governor from the "community-at-large" who may be included:

- an individual associated with a research institution that studies gun violence,
- an individual with experience doing clinical work, specializing in suicide prevention,
- an individual with experience serving as a local school administrator,
- an individual associated with an organization that provides community-level conflict mediation or violence intervention services,
- an individual with experience working with survivors of domestic violence and abuse,
- an individual with experience working within a tribal government,
- an individual with experience working with a community or faith-based organization,
- an individual who represents victims of gun violence,
- an individual who is currently working as a prosecutor,
- an individual who is currently working in local law enforcement.

### **Task Force Responsibilities**

The Task Force is charged acting on the root causes and possible solutions for gun violence in Michigan by reviewing, developing, and recommending laws, policies, and any other legally permissible actions to reduce the rates and instances of gun violence. The Task Force may take the following actions:

- collect and report data on gun violence,
- advise on gun violence prevention, intervention, and accountability strategies,
- review, develop, and recommend laws and policies,
- assess existing measures and identify gaps, and
- engage stakeholders to inform the Task Force's mission.

### **Operations and Implementation**

The E.O. states that the council shall comply with the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442.

The Task Force is empowered to create advisory workgroups composed of existing members (once named). It is also empowered to accept donations of labor, services, or other items of value from any public or private agency or person. Departments, committees, commissioners, or officers are required to provide any assistance or information to the Task Force, as permitted by law.

### **Types of Transfers**

The creation of the Task Force does not involve a Type I, II, or III transfer as identified under the Executive Organization Act.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Department has allocated \$200,000.00 from existing resources. The DHHS does not anticipate a need for any additional fiscal resources to assist the Task Force in the performance of its duties. For other task forces the Department has staffed, the DHHS will assign an existing employee to act as the program lead and identify other existing staff to assist with administering task force activities as needed. The E.O. would not have a fiscal impact on local units of government. The Task Force members will not be compensated, other than reimbursement for travel and related expenses.

**Summary**

Executive Order 2024-4 created a task force, supported and staffed by the DHHS , to advise the Governor and DHHS on the root causes and solutions for gun violence, including prevention, intervention, and accountability strategies. The Task Force will review data, assess existing measures, identify resources, and engage stakeholders to make recommendations to laws and policies. The Task Force membership shall service without compensation. The Task Force is required to submit an initial report no later than 180 days after its first meeting, a final report on its findings no later than 180 days after the issuance of the initial report, and shall be dissolved 180 days after completion of the final report.

Executive Order 2024-4 took effect the day it was signed, June 20, 2024.

If you have any questions on E.O. 2024-4, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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