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**S.B. 178**  
**136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Hicks-Hudson

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

- The bill creates the Task Force on Missing Women and Girls who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color and appropriates \$250,000 in FY 2026 and FY 2027 under the Attorney General's GRF appropriation line item 055321, Operating Expenses, to support its expenses.

### **Detailed Analysis**

The bill establishes the Task Force on Missing Women and Girls who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color. The Task Force is required to perform certain duties such as working with state agencies to develop policies, recommending preventative programming to advance safety, collecting relevant statistics, and creating a statewide public awareness campaign.

The bill appropriates \$250,000 in FY 2026 and FY 2027 under the Attorney General's GRF appropriation line item 055321, Operating Expenses, to support expenses related to the Task Force. Members will serve without compensation but will be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing their duties.

The Task Force consists of nine members: the Director of Job and Family Services, the Executive Director of the Division of Criminal Justice Services, the Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol, two members appointed by the Senate President, two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader, and one member appointed by the House Minority Leader.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Director of Job and Family Services, the Executive Director of the Division of Criminal Justice Services, and the Superintendent of the State Highway Patrol may appoint designees.