AN ACT concerning State government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Racial and Ethnic Impact Research Task Force Act.

Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to determine a practical method for the standardized collection and analysis of data on the racial and ethnic identity of arrestees by State and local law enforcement agencies. The method shall be usable not only for the collection and analysis of data on the racial and ethnic identity of arrestees under current law, but also in predicting the likely racial and ethnic identity of arrestees under proposed changes to the Criminal Code of 1961, the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, and the Unified Code of Corrections.

Section 10. Racial and Ethnic Impact Research Task Force. There is created the Racial and Ethnic Impact Research Task Force, composed of the following members:

(1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate President, one of whom the President shall designate to serve as co-chair, and 2 members of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.
(2) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom the Speaker shall designate to serve as co-chair, and 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(3) The following persons or their designees:
   (A) the Attorney General,
   (B) the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County,
   (C) the Director of State Police,
   (D) the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department,
   (E) the Sheriff of Cook County,
   (F) the State Appellate Defender,
   (G) the Cook County Public Defender,
   (H) the Director of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor,
   (I) the Cook County State's Attorney,
   (J) the Executive Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority,
   (K) the Director of Corrections,
   (L) the Director of Juvenile Justice, and
   (M) the Executive Director of the Illinois African-American Family Commission.

(4) The co-chairs may name up to 8 persons,
representing minority communities within Illinois, groups involved in the improvement of the administration of justice, behavioral health, criminal justice, law enforcement, and the rehabilitation of former inmates, community groups, and other interested parties.

Section 15. Compensation; support. The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred as a result of their duties as members of the Task Force from funds appropriated by the General Assembly for that purpose. The Center for Excellence in Criminal Justice at the Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center at Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago shall provide staff and administrative support services to the Task Force.

Section 20. Meetings; report. The Task Force shall hold one or more public hearings, at which public testimony shall be heard. The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2012. The recommendations shall include, but are not limited to:

1. identifying a practical method for the standardized collection and analysis of data on the racial and ethnic identity of arrestees by State and local law enforcement agencies; and
(2) providing proposed legislation, drafted with the assistance of the Legislative Reference Bureau, and using the identified practical method for the standardized collection and analysis of data on the racial and ethnic identity of arrestees by State and local law enforcement agencies, to create a Racial and Ethnic Impact Statement providing an analysis of the likely racial and ethnic identity of arrestees under proposed changes to the Criminal Code of 1961, the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, and the Unified Code of Corrections.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.