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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Assembly Bill 615**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

### 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 615

This bill creates a task force on missing and murdered African American women and girls, established by the Attorney General. Under the bill, task force members must be knowledgeable in crime victims' rights or violence protection and include legislative members, law enforcement agents, judicial or health services governmental agents, and representatives of state or local agencies that provide legal, advocacy, counseling, or other services to African American women and girls.

The bill requires the task force to examine violence against African American women and girls in order to understand the root causes of the violence, determine appropriate ways of reducing harm and responding to acts of violence, and recommending actions that may assist individual survivors of violence and their communities. Under the bill, task force members are directed to seek the assistance and cooperation of individuals with academic expertise and those who have served as community advocates and organizers specializing in violence against African American women and girls, and to submit an annual report setting forth proposed policies and practices.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 removes the requirement that the Department of Administration (DOA) reimburse task force members for their expenses from a particular appropriation, but retains the requirement that DOA pay the reimbursements.

### BILL HISTORY

Representative Stubbs introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on February 6, 2024. On February 22, February 2024, the Assembly adopted the amendment and passed the bill.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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