

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 80**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Campos**

January 5, 2015

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An act to add Chapter 3.4 (commencing with Section 8265) to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to state government, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 80, as introduced, Campos. Interagency Task Force on the Status of Boys and Men of Color.

The California Constitution prohibits a person from being deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, or from being denied equal protection of the laws. The United States Constitution prohibits a state from denying to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. Existing law establishes various advisory boards and commissions in state government with specified duties and responsibilities.

The federal My Brother's Keeper Initiative, launched by the President in February 2014, required the establishment of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force, an interagency effort to improve the expected educational and life outcomes for and address the persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color in the United States.

This bill would create the Interagency Task Force on the Status of Boys and Men of Color, a multiagency advisory body that would serve as a support mechanism for department agency and systems leaders by taking coordinated action in meeting the myriad of challenges facing boys and men of color in California, and assisting the respective

departments and agencies in more successfully improving life outcomes for this population. The membership of the task force would include members of the Legislature, as well as representatives of specified agencies, departments, and private entities. The bill would set forth the initial and ongoing responsibilities of the task force, including, among others, an assessment of state program alignment with the objectives of the My Brother’s Keeper program and the Assembly Select Committee on the Status of Boys and Men of Color in California, and the development of strategies to enhance positive outcomes and eliminate or mitigate negative outcomes for boys and men of color in the state. This bill would establish the Boys and Men of Color Task Force Fund, to carry out the bill’s requirements in support of the task force, upon appropriation by the Legislature. The bill would authorize the task force to accept federal funds, gifts, donations, grants, or bequests for all or any of its purposes.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
 State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:
- 2 (a) On February 27, 2014, the President of the United States
- 3 launched the My Brother’s Keeper initiative to address persistent
- 4 opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and to
- 5 ensure that all young people can reach their full potential.
- 6 (b) The My Brother’s Keeper Task Force recognizes that
- 7 challenges facing boys and young men of color affect others as
- 8 well and that it is important to break down barriers wherever they
- 9 exist and identify means of creating ladders of opportunity for all.
- 10 (c) The My Brother’s Keeper Task Force was established to
- 11 develop a coordinated federal effort to significantly improve the
- 12 expected life outcomes for boys and young men of color, including
- 13 Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans,
- 14 and to improve their contributions to the nation’s prosperity, so
- 15 that all youth have an equal opportunity at the American dream.
- 16 (d) The My Brother’s Keeper Task Force noted that significant
- 17 diversity exists within and among boys and men of color as a
- 18 segment of the population. Differences of language status, income,

1 disability, sexual orientation, and many other factors influence the  
2 identity and experience of these young people, just as with any  
3 other population.

4 (e) My Brother’s Keeper is focused on the following milestones:  
5 (1) getting a healthy start and entering school ready to learn; (2)  
6 reading at grade level by third grade; (3) graduating from high  
7 school ready for college and career; (4) successfully entering the  
8 workforce; and (5) keeping kids on track and giving them second  
9 chances.

10 (f) The My Brother’s Keeper Task Force Report to the President  
11 (May 2014) cites numerous areas in which boys and men of color  
12 consistently experience disproportionately negative outcomes.  
13 These areas include living in poverty, living without a male parent  
14 in the household, high school dropout rates, unemployment, death  
15 by homicide, and imprisonment.

16 (g) The My Brother’s Keeper Task Force has identified initial  
17 recommendations and areas of opportunity at each of these key  
18 milestones or “focus areas.” The task force has also identified  
19 several cross-cutting areas of opportunity that span all focus areas.

20 (h) The recommendations in the My Brother’s Keeper Task  
21 Force Report to the President inform and influence California  
22 policy and California’s compliance with those recommendations  
23 makes the state more competitive for federal funding and  
24 strengthens its economic competitiveness.

25 (i) Our state’s future prosperity and health depend on all  
26 Californians having a fair chance to thrive and succeed. One of  
27 the best investments we can make is to be certain we do everything  
28 possible to help young people become healthy, productive adults.  
29 As California becomes more diverse, we must nurture and harness  
30 the talents, skills, and hopes of young people of color -- boys and  
31 young men in particular.

32 (j) The Department of Finance projects California’s population  
33 of boys and men of color will increasingly represent a growing  
34 percentage of the state’s male population, reaching close to 80  
35 percent for boys and men of color compared to 20 percent for  
36 non-Hispanic white males by 2050.

37 (k) The Assembly Select Committee on the Status of Boys and  
38 Men of Color in California has recognized that boys and young  
39 men of color are in jeopardy, and this poses a serious threat to  
40 California’s economic strength and competitiveness.

1 (l) The Assembly Select Committee on the Status of Boys and  
 2 Men of Color’s policy framework emphasizes the following issues:  
 3 (1) health and safety; (2) education; (3) juvenile justice; (4)  
 4 employment and wealth; and (5) youth development. Related issues  
 5 that have been recommended for expansion of the committee’s  
 6 work include higher education, immigration, and housing.

7 (m) Community and youth leaders from across the state have  
 8 taken a significant interest in partnering with government and  
 9 systems leaders through the Alliance for Boys and Men of Color  
 10 in order to improve the health and success of our state’s young  
 11 people of color.

12 SEC. 2. Chapter 3.4 (commencing with Section 8265) is added  
 13 to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

14  
 15 CHAPTER 3.4. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON THE STATUS OF  
 16 BOYS AND MEN OF COLOR  
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18 8265. (a) (1) There is in state government the Interagency  
 19 Task Force on the Status of Boys and Men of Color, which shall  
 20 serve as a support mechanism for department, agency, and systems  
 21 leaders by taking coordinated action in meeting the myriad  
 22 challenges facing boys and men of color, and assisting the  
 23 respective departments and agencies in more successfully  
 24 improving life outcomes for this population.

25 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the task force include  
 26 participation from a core set of department, agency, and systems  
 27 leaders with discretion and responsibility for policy areas of  
 28 primary importance to the fulfillment of the Final Report and Policy  
 29 Platform for State Action (2012–18) of the Assembly Select  
 30 Committee on the Status of Boys and Men in California.

31 (b) The task force shall be comprised of the following 21  
 32 members:

33 (1) One Member of the Senate, appointed by the President pro  
 34 Tempore of the Senate, and one Member of the Assembly,  
 35 appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, to the extent that  
 36 participation is not incompatible with their position as Members  
 37 of the Legislature.

38 (2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his or her  
 39 designee.

40 (3) The Secretary for Education, or his or her designee.

- 1 (4) The President of the University of California, or his or her  
2 designee.
- 3 (5) The Chancellor of the California State University, or his or  
4 her designee.
- 5 (6) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, or  
6 his or her designee.
- 7 (7) The Secretary of California Health and Human Services, or  
8 his or her designee.
- 9 (8) The State Public Health Officer, or his or her designee.
- 10 (9) The Deputy Director of the Office of Health Equity, or his  
11 or her designee.
- 12 (10) The Secretary of Business, Consumer Services, and  
13 Housing, or his or her designee.
- 14 (11) The Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, or  
15 his or her designee.
- 16 (12) The Director of Employment Development, or his or her  
17 designee.
- 18 (13) The Executive Director of the California Workforce  
19 Investment Board, or his or her designee.
- 20 (14) The Chair of the California Workforce Investment Board,  
21 or his or her designee.
- 22 (15) The Secretary of Transportation, or his or her designee.
- 23 (16) The Director of Finance, or his or her designee.
- 24 (17) The Attorney General, or his or her designee.
- 25 (18) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections and  
26 Rehabilitation, or his or her designee.
- 27 (19) The Chair of the Board of State and Community  
28 Corrections, or his or her designee.
- 29 (20) The Chief Justice of California, or his or her designee.
- 30 (c) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as  
31 chair of the task force. Desirable qualifications for the position of  
32 chair shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:
  - 33 (1) He or she should possess a broad and deep understanding  
34 of the issues facing boys and men of color.
  - 35 (2) He or she should be a political appointee with a senior  
36 leadership role either leading a department or agency or managing  
37 a significant and pertinent body of work.
  - 38 (3) He or she should have a demonstrated strong and positive  
39 working relationship with the members of the Legislature and the  
40 Governor.

1 (d) All members of the task force shall hold office until the  
2 appointment of their successors.

3 8266. Meetings of the task force shall be subject to the  
4 Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act (Article 9 (commencing with  
5 Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3).

6 8267. The task force shall have the powers and authority  
7 necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon it by this chapter,  
8 including, but not limited to, all of the following:

9 (a) To employ any administrative, technical, or other personnel  
10 necessary for the performance of its powers and duties.

11 (b) To hold hearings, make and sign any agreements, and to do  
12 or perform any acts that may be necessary, desirable, or proper to  
13 carry out the purposes of this chapter.

14 (c) To cooperate with, and secure the cooperation of, any  
15 department, division, board, bureau, commission, or other agency  
16 of the state to facilitate the task force properly to carry out its  
17 powers and duties.

18 (d) To appoint advisers or advisory committees from time to  
19 time when the task force determines that the experience or expertise  
20 of the advisers or advisory committees is needed for projects of  
21 the task force. Section 11009 shall apply to these advisers or  
22 advisory committees.

23 (e) To accept any federal funds granted, by act of Congress or  
24 by executive order, for all or any of the purposes of this chapter.

25 (f) To accept any gifts, donations, grants, or bequests for all or  
26 any of the purposes of this chapter.

27 8268. (a) Within six months after the effective date of this  
28 chapter, the task force shall complete all of the following  
29 requirements:

30 (1) Assess existing department and agency programs that align  
31 with the priorities outlined in the May 2014 My Brother’s Keeper  
32 Task Force Report to the President. Based on this assessment, the  
33 task force shall identify state opportunities to partner and  
34 coordinate with the work of the federal My Brother’s Keeper Task  
35 Force.

36 (2) Assess the Governor’s Budget to identify those areas in  
37 which the budget priorities are in alignment with the objectives of  
38 the task force.

39 (3) Review the action plan of the Final Report and Policy  
40 Platform for State Action (2012–18) of the Assembly Select

1 Committee on the Status of Boys and Men of Color in California,  
2 and identify ambitious state goals for boys and men of color, as  
3 well as barriers to achieving desired results.

4 (b) Upon completion of the requirements in subdivision (a), the  
5 long-term, ongoing responsibilities of the task force shall include  
6 all of the following:

7 (1) Assessing state policies, regulations, and programs with  
8 respect to boys and men of color, and the development of proven  
9 and promising strategies to enhance positive outcomes and  
10 eliminate or mitigate negative outcomes.

11 (2) Preparing population and agency-specific data on boys and  
12 men of color in California. The task force shall aggregate the data  
13 and make it publicly available in a manner that does not reveal  
14 personally identifiable information or otherwise conflict with  
15 federal or state privacy laws.

16 (3) Serving as a liaison to departments and agencies by ensuring  
17 engagement and partnership with other public, nonprofit, and  
18 philanthropic entities among the various member agencies and  
19 with the task force as a whole, and recommend ways to strengthen  
20 partnerships with external leaders advancing strategies relevant to  
21 boys and men of color.

22 (c) The first meeting of the task force shall be convened on or  
23 before January 31, 2016. Subsequently, the task force shall convene  
24 on no less than a quarterly basis to assess progress on its ongoing  
25 responsibilities pursuant to subdivision (b), and to provide support  
26 and ensure coordination across agencies.

27 (d) (1) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5, the task force shall  
28 prepare and submit to the Legislature an annual report on  
29 department and agency findings pursuant to this section. The task  
30 force shall also report these findings at the Assembly Select  
31 Committee on the Status of Boys and Men of Color in California's  
32 annual hearing on the status of advancing the committee priorities  
33 and policies.

34 (2) A report submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
35 submitted in compliance with Section 9795.

36 8269. With respect to its duties under Section 8268, the task  
37 force shall be an advisory body only, and there shall be no right  
38 or obligation on the part of the state, or the parties meeting and  
39 conferring, to implement the findings of the task force without

1 further legislation that specifically authorizes that the evaluations,  
2 determinations, and findings of the task force be implemented.

3 8269.5 The Boys and Men of Color Task Force Fund is hereby  
4 created as a fund in the State Treasury to carry out this chapter in  
5 support of the task force, upon appropriation by the Legislature.  
6 Subject to the approval of the Department of Finance, all moneys  
7 collected or received by the task force from gifts, bequests, or  
8 donations shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of  
9 the Boys and Men of Color Task Force Fund in accordance with  
10 the terms of the gift or donation from which the moneys are derived  
11 and in accordance with Sections 8647, 11005, 11005.1, and 16302  
12 of the Government Code.

13 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
14 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within  
15 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into  
16 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

17 In order to act quickly to address the challenges facing boys and  
18 young men of color by breaking down barriers wherever they exist  
19 in state agencies, and to identify means of creating ladders of  
20 opportunity for all, it is necessary for this act to take effect  
21 immediately.