Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1643 creates the Modernized Operations through Data and Evidence-based Restoration Now (MODERN) Justice Task Force to oversee the implementation of recommendations made by the MODERN Justice Task Force report of December 2023. The Task Force shall advise the Legislature and Governor on the possible implementation of legislation and rules relating to the report, identify county-level programming, recommend the awarding of grants, create performance measures, identify opportunities for collaboration, and conduct additional studies. The task force shall consist of 11 members appointed 60 days after the effective date. Members shall receive no compensation but shall receive travel reimbursements. The task force shall also conduct studies on the prison system, identify gaps in the system, and conduct a study to assess the feasibility of establishing a statewide office of pretrial services and county-based Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion programs. The task force shall submit a report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and Governor on or before December 15, 2026. The task force shall disband on or before December 31, 2026.

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