Legislation Text

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Authorizing the City Council Committee on Public Safety to hold public hearings on an interim report issued by the 100 Shooting Review Committee.

WHEREAS, On September 20, 2020, Philadelphia City Council passed Resolution No. 200436, authorizing the City Council Committee on Public Safety and the Special Committee on Gun Violence Prevention to hold hearings to review and examine the perpetrators of the last 100 shootings in Philadelphia, as well exploring the source of the guns used to commit violent crimes and the role of the criminal justice system in the offender's life; and

WHEREAS, After the passage of Resolution No. 200436, a 100 Shooting Review Committee was formed. The Committee is made up of leadership from the Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Defender Association of Philadelphia, Department of Public Health, City Controller's Office, the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Adult Probation and Parole, Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr. and Councilmember Kenyatta Johnson. The Committee held its first meeting on September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The original goal of the 100 Shooting Review Committee was to examine the past 100 shootings at the time of the resolution's passage to determine any trends that could be useful in curbing future gun violence, specifically focusing on identifying motivating factors for the shootings, compiling profiles and backgrounds of the shooters and an analysis of the firearms used to commit these crimes; and

WHEREAS, After an initial assessment, the group expanded its data to focus on a larger subset of over 2,000 shootings that have occurred in Philadelphia, with an expanded goal of determining how to improve gun case outcomes, shooting incident clearance rates and witness appearance rates, as well as evaluating bail trends in shooting cases; and

WHEREAS, The 100 Shooting Review Committee has convened numerous times over the course of a year to present and share data, discuss and analyze trends, and collaborate on potential solutions for reducing shootings in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, The 100 Shooting Review Committee will move forward with compiling its data into a report for presentation to the public. Such report should be presented before and evaluated by the City Council Committee on Public Safety; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby authorizes the City Council Committee on Public Safety to hold public hearings on an interim report issued by the 100 Shooting Review Committee.