

## Republicans Blast Governor's Criminal Justice Task Force

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Sens. Danny Britt (R-Robeson) and Warren Daniel (R-Burke), who co-chair the Senate Judiciary Committee, released the following statement regarding Gov. Roy Cooper's task force:

“Gov. Roy Cooper’s task force is an exercise in political cowardice. It permits him, as he did today during his pre-screened press conference, to avoid taking positions on any politically challenging issues, instead passing off responsibility to his new task force.

“Conveniently, the task force’s report isn’t due until after the November election, allowing him to buy time during his bid for a second term. Gov. Cooper needs to lead, not make a mockery of the public and the press with barely-concealed covering actions.

“By contrast, the Republican-led legislature has and will continue to take action on criminal justice reform. We passed into law Raise the Age and are advancing the First Step Act and Second Chance Act. These policies are built on the idea that mistakes made by teenagers should not sentence people to a lifetime of missed opportunities, including housing, schooling, and good-paying jobs.

“What exactly was Governor Cooper doing during his 16 years as this state’s top law enforcement officer, and his time before that as chair of the Judiciary Committee?”