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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1347

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the 21st-century Missouri brain science task force.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.246, to read as follows:

**161.246. 1. There is hereby established the "21st-Century Missouri Brain Science Task Force".**

**2. The task force shall consist of the following members:**

**(1) Three members of the house of representatives, with two members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;**

**(2) Three members of the senate, with two members to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;**

**(3) The governor or the governor's designee;**

**(4) The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee;**

**(5) The commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee; and**

**(6) Members who represent the interests of each of the following, to be appointed by the governor:**

**(a) A statewide organization dedicated to issues affecting children;**

**(b) The department of elementary and secondary education;**

**(c) The department of higher education and workforce development;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 18           **(d) The Missouri Rural Health Association;**  
19           **(e) The Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics;**  
20           **(f) A neurology department of a school of medicine in this state;**  
21           **(g) The Missouri Parent Teacher Association;**  
22           **(h) Head Start programs in this state;**  
23           **(i) The Missouri interagency council on transition established in section 162.1000;**  
24           **(j) The parents as teachers program established under sections 178.691 to 178.699;**  
25   **and**  
26           **(k) Five professionals and consumer representatives with no fewer than three**  
27   **parents or primary consumers, to be appointed from names submitted to the governor by**  
28   **any interested agency or organization with an interest in brain science research.**  
29           **3. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate the chair of the task**  
30   **force, and the president pro tempore of the senate shall designate the vice chair of the task**  
31   **force.**  
32           **4. Staff members of house research, house drafting, senate research, and the joint**  
33   **committee on legislative research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical, and**  
34   **bill drafting services as the task force may require in the performance of its duties.**  
35           **5. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but the members**  
36   **and any staff assigned to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and**  
37   **necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any subcommittee**  
38   **thereof. All task force members shall be subject to the same conflict of interest provisions**  
39   **in chapter 105 that are enforced by the Missouri ethics commission in the same manner**  
40   **that elected or appointed officials and employees are subject to such provisions.**  
41           **6. The task force shall hold its first meeting within two months from the effective**  
42   **date of this section.**  
43           **7. The mission of the task force shall be to:**  
44           **(1) Evaluate the condition of the state's current brain science research;**  
45           **(2) Study successful policies the state needs to develop to ensure that children are**  
46   **prepared to learn on any educational level;**  
47           **(3) Evaluate which policies and programs the state needs to create or modify to**  
48   **prepare individuals on the lifelong learning continuum from preschool to retirement to**  
49   **enter the workforce;**  
50           **(4) Evaluate current funding for brain science research in Missouri;**  
51           **(5) Make recommendations regarding the condition of the state's current brain**  
52   **science research; and**  
53           **(6) Make recommendations regarding funding for brain science research efforts.**

54           **8. The task force shall report a summary of its activities and any recommendations**  
55 **for legislation to the general assembly before August 28, 2022.**

56           **9. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on January 1, 2023. At such time,**  
57 **all members of the task force shall be relieved of their positions on the task force.**

58           **(2) The task force shall resume its operations on January 1, 2024, with a new set**  
59 **of members to be selected according to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section. The**  
60 **new chair and the new vice chair of the task force shall be designated according to the**  
61 **provisions of subsection 3 of this section.**

62           **(3) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall continue to receive**  
63 **services according to the provisions of subsection 4 of this section and shall continue to be**  
64 **subject to all provisions of subsection 5 of this section.**

65           **(4) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall review all summaries and**  
66 **recommendations previously made under subsection 8 of this section and shall continue to**  
67 **carry out the mission described in subsection 7 of this section.**

68           **(5) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall report an updated**  
69 **summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the general assembly**  
70 **before August 28, 2024.**

71           **(6) After providing a report to the general assembly as required under subdivision**  
72 **(5) of this subsection, the task force shall continue to meet every two years periodically**  
73 **until this section expires. The task force shall provide additional updated summaries of**  
74 **its activities and additional recommendations for legislation to the general assembly, at**  
75 **such times as the task force deems necessary, until the task force is terminated.**

76           **10. This section shall expire on August 28, 2033.**

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