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HOUSE BILL NO. 2531

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SWAN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a charter schools task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.445, to read as follows:

- 160.445. 1. There is hereby established the "Charter Schools Task Force". The joint committee on education shall provide technical and administrative support as required by the task force to fulfill its duties. Any such support involving monetary expenses shall first be approved by the chair of the joint committee on education. Task force members shall be chosen to represent the geographic diversity of the state. All task force members shall be appointed on or before October 31, 2018. The task force members shall be appointed as follows:**
- (1) Two school superintendents, appointed by a statewide coalition of school administrators;**
 - (2) An elementary school principal, appointed by a statewide association of elementary school principals;**
 - (3) A secondary school principal, appointed by a statewide association of secondary school principals;**
 - (4) A school business official, appointed by a statewide association of school business officials;**
 - (5) Two public school board members, appointed by a statewide association of school boards;**

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 **(6) Two elementary education professionals from accredited school districts,**
19 **appointed by the commissioner of education from names submitted by statewide education**
20 **employee organizations;**

21 **(7) Two secondary education professionals from accredited school districts,**
22 **appointed by the commissioner of education from names submitted by statewide education**
23 **employee organizations;**

24 **(8) One administrator of a charter school, appointed by a statewide association**
25 **representing charter schools;**

26 **(9) One member of the governing board of a charter school, appointed by a**
27 **statewide association representing charter schools;**

28 **(10) One representative of a four-year institution of higher education that acts as**
29 **a charter school sponsor, appointed by the commissioner of higher education; and**

30 **(11) Three public members, appointed by the commissioner of education.**

31 **2. The members of the charter schools task force established under subsection 1 of**
32 **this section shall elect a chair from among the membership of the task force. The task**
33 **force shall meet as needed to complete the study and provide its findings and**
34 **recommendations as described in subsection 3 of this section. Members of the task force**
35 **shall serve without compensation. No school district policy or administrative action shall**
36 **require any education employee member to use personal leave or incur a reduction in pay**
37 **for participating on the task force.**

38 **3. The charter schools task force established under subsection 1 of this section shall**
39 **conduct an in-depth study of charter schools, including a comparison of this state's**
40 **treatment of the issues described in this subsection to the treatment of those issues in other**
41 **states, and provide its findings and recommendations regarding:**

42 **(1) The mission of charter schools;**

43 **(2) Funding of charter schools;**

44 **(3) The overall functioning of charter schools;**

45 **(4) Academic performance and accountability standards for charter schools;**

46 **(5) Demographics of students attending charter schools, including the enrollment**
47 **and treatment of students with disabilities and students who are English language learners**
48 **in charter schools;**

49 **(6) Governance of charter schools;**

50 **(7) Management of charter schools;**

51 **(8) Oversight responsibility for charter schools;**

52 **(9) Sponsorship of charter schools; and**

53 **(10) Fiscal responsibility in the operation of charter schools.**

54 **4. Before December 1, 2019, the charter schools task force established under**
55 **subsection 1 of this section shall present its findings and recommendations, including any**
56 **recommended changes, deletions, or additions to the laws and regulations on charter**
57 **schools, to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro**
58 **tempore of the senate, the joint committee on education, and the state board of education.**
59 **Upon presenting the findings and recommendations as described in this subsection, the**
60 **charter schools task force shall dissolve.**

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