

HOUSE BILL NO. 2634

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SWAN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 324, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the joint task force on music therapist licensure.

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

Section A. Chapter 324, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 324.120, to read as follows:

324.120. 1. There is hereby established a joint task force to be known as the "Joint Task Force on Music Therapist Licensure".

2. The task force shall be composed of the following:

(1) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore and one by the minority leader of the senate;

(2) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker and one by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

(3) An advanced practice registered nurse who manages other neonatal advanced practice registered nurses in a level IV neonatal intensive care unit;

(4) A physician who is board certified as a pediatric intensivist at a children's hospital;

(5) A board certified and licensed behavior analyst from a nonprofit organization serving people with developmental disabilities and providing early intervention services and who has experience as a surveyor for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities;

(6) A licensed social worker with an organization providing foster care and adoption services as well as therapy for children and adolescents;

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 (7) An executive director of a nonprofit continuing care retirement community and
19 hospice affiliated with the Missouri Hospice and Palliative Care Association;

20 (8) The chief executive officer of a trade association dedicated solely to serving the
21 needs of providers of health care, housing, and services for the elderly;

22 (9) A music therapy educator with a PhD and certified in neonatal intensive care
23 unit music therapy or neurologic music therapy;

24 (10) A specialist employee of a nonprofit business in southwest Missouri serving the
25 needs of students with disabilities and who has experience as an employee of the
26 department of mental health; and

27 (11) A nurse researcher in hematology or oncology at an urban hospital system.

28 3. The task force shall review the current status of licensure of music therapists in
29 Missouri and shall develop a plan to address the most appropriate method to protect public
30 safety if music therapy procedures are utilized. The plan shall include:

31 (1) An analysis of the risks associated if music therapists are not licensed;

32 (2) Recommendations on the creation of a music therapy advisory commission;

33 (3) Procedures to address the specific needs of rural health care and the availability
34 of licensed music therapists;

35 (4) Requirements for licensure of music therapists;

36 (5) Reasonable exemptions to licensure;

37 (6) Continuing education and training requirements;

38 (7) Penalty provisions; and

39 (8) Other items that the task force deems relevant for the proper determination of
40 licensure of music therapists in Missouri.

41 4. The task force shall meet within thirty days of its creation and select a chair and
42 vice chair. A majority of the task force shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of
43 a majority of total members shall be required for the determination of any matter within
44 the task force's duties.

45 5. The task force shall be staffed by legislative personnel as is deemed necessary to
46 assist the task force in the performance of its duties.

47 6. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but may,
48 subject to appropriation, be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses
49 incurred in the performance of their official duties.

50 7. The task force shall submit a full report of its activities, including the plan
51 developed under subsection 3 of this section, to the general assembly before January 1,
52 2021. The task force shall send copies of the report to the director of the division of
53 professional registration.

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