

HOUSE BILL NO. 2668

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the 21st-century Missouri social services gap analysis task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.1161, to read as follows:

191.1161. 1. There is hereby established the "21st-Century Missouri Social Services Gap Analysis Task Force".

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

(1) Six members of the house of representatives, with three members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one member to be the chair of the house budget committee or his or her designee, and two members 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) Seventeen members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, composed of the following:

(a) One member who is an expert in the field of geospatial intelligence;

(b) One member who is a forensic accountant; and

(c) A representative from each of the following:

a. The University of Missouri extension system;

b. An area agency on aging;

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 c. A statewide association or alliance of community foundations;
19 d. A community health clinic;
20 e. A rural transportation service provider;
21 f. A regional housing services provider;
22 g. A prisoner reentry program;
23 h. The faith-based community;
24 i. A statewide foundation promoting health;
25 j. A statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the health of rural residents;
26 k. A food bank, as defined in section 208.600;
27 l. A statewide nonprofit membership association of hospitals;
28 m. A statewide nonprofit membership association of physicians;
29 n. A statewide nonprofit organization involved in children's issues; and
30 o. A statewide nonprofit organization involved in disability issues;
- 31 (4) The chief information officer of the state;
32 (5) The director of the MO HealthNet division of the department of social
33 services or the director's designee;
34 (6) The director of the department of health and senior services or the director's
35 designee;
36 (7) The director of the department of social services or the director's designee;
37 and
38 (8) The director of the department of mental health or the director's designee.
- 39 3. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate the chair of the
40 task force, and the president pro tempore of the senate shall designate the vice chair of
41 the task force.
- 42 4. Staff members of house research, house drafting, senate research, and the
43 joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal, research, clerical,
44 technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the performance of
45 its duties.
- 46 5. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but the members
47 and any staff assigned to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and
48 necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any
49 subcommittee thereof. All task force members shall be subject to the same conflict of
50 interest provisions in chapter 105 that are enforced by the Missouri ethics commission in
51 the same manner that elected or appointed officials and employees are subject to such
52 provisions.
- 53 6. The task force shall hold its first meeting within two months from the effective
54 date of this section.

55 **7. The mission of the task force shall be to:**

56 **(1) Evaluate the condition of the state's social services system, defined as the**
57 **publicly funded system of services intended to meet the needs of vulnerable residents**
58 **including, but not limited to, services providing health and mental health care, housing,**
59 **and employment supports;**

60 **(2) Study successful social services systems in other states in order to identify**
61 **highly effective models;**

62 **(3) Evaluate current funding for the state's social services system;**

63 **(4) Identify any gaps in the state's social services system;**

64 **(5) Evaluate whether current funding is sufficient to not only maintain the social**
65 **services system in its current state but also to ensure that it serves the needs of**
66 **Missouri's vulnerable residents moving forward into the twenty-first century;**

67 **(6) Make recommendations regarding the condition of the social services system**
68 **and funding of the social services system; and**

69 **(7) Make recommendations on how to fill any gaps in the social services system**
70 **and ensure the state's vulnerable residents are able to access the services they need in**
71 **order to maintain their health and well-being and participate fully in their communities.**

72 **8. The task force shall report a summary of its activities and any**
73 **recommendations for legislation to the general assembly before August 28, 2023.**

74 **9. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on January 1, 2024. At such**
75 **time, all members of the task force shall be relieved of their positions on the task force.**

76 **(2) The task force shall resume its operations on January 1, 2025, with a new set**
77 **of members to be selected according to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section. The**
78 **new chair and the new vice chair of the task force shall be designated according to the**
79 **provisions of subsection 3 of this section.**

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

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

86 **(5) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall report an updated**
87 **summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the general**
88 **assembly before August 28, 2025.**

89 **(6) After providing a report to the general assembly as required under**
90 **subdivision (5) of this subsection, the task force shall continue to meet every two years**
91 **periodically until this section terminates. The task force shall provide additional**

92 **updated summaries of its activities and additional recommendations for legislation to**
93 **the general assembly, at such times as the task force deems necessary, until the task**
94 **force is terminated.**

95 **10. This section shall terminate on August 28, 2034.**

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