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HOUSE BILL NO. 621

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTON GRAY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a task force on school safety improvement.

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 161.965, to read as follows:

161.965. 1. There is hereby established in the department of elementary and secondary education a "Task Force on School Safety Improvement".

2. The task force shall have a membership of eleven persons, appointed by the commissioner of the department of elementary and secondary education. Membership may include, but not be limited to, representatives of the following groups:

(1) Licensed attorneys with experience in criminal defense who are in no way involved in prosecuting crimes;

(2) Community-based organizations;

(3) Community education organizations;

(4) Law enforcement agencies, including at least one representative from a city not within a county, a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, or a home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county;

(5) Local government;

(6) Local school district administrators;

(7) Parent organizations;

(8) Postsecondary education;

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 **(9) School boards; and**

19 **(10) Teachers.**

20 **3. The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee shall convene the**
21 **first meeting of the task force for the purpose of establishing the bylaws of the task force**
22 **and electing officers to include a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. The task**
23 **force shall not meet more than four times annually. Members may be reimbursed for**
24 **expenses but shall not receive a per diem allowance.**

25 **4. The task force shall conduct studies on:**

26 **(1) School security features and practices schools and law enforcement officers can**
27 **take to decrease the likelihood that an event or crisis will occur;**

28 **(2) Actions schools and law enforcement officers can take to eliminate or reduce the**
29 **loss of life and property damage related to an event or crisis;**

30 **(3) The establishment of programs within schools to provide instruction in grades**
31 **seven through twelve on the criminal justice system and make curriculum**
32 **recommendations for such programs, including recommendations on specific curriculum**
33 **designed to educate students about career opportunities in law enforcement; and**

34 **(4) The practicality and need for the appointment of a director of school safety in**
35 **a county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty**
36 **thousand inhabitants.**

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