

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 973
99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 558, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the prison to prosperity task force, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 558, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 558.049, to read as follows:

- 558.049. 1. There is hereby created a "Task Force on Prison to Prosperity". The primary duty of the task force is to develop a statewide plan for prison to prosperity programs for persons seventeen to twenty-four years of age that addresses the underlying issues that affect persons transitioning from incarceration to being a productive citizen in their local community including, but not limited to, ways to increase job training or employability, crime prevention, and reduce recidivism.**
- 2. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:**
- (1) Increasing the presence of vocational and college education opportunities in jails and prisons;**
 - (2) Addressing mental health and addiction treatment needs of recently released offenders from jail or prison;**
 - (3) Providing twenty-four-hour mentoring;**
 - (4) Incorporating workforce development into reentry programs;**
 - (5) Providing for behavior modification and financial literacy;**
 - (6) Increasing job programs and job training; and**
 - (7) Recommendations for further expungement of juvenile records.**
- 3. The committee shall consist of the following members, with the speaker of the house of representatives appointing a chairperson and vice chairperson:**

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.

- 19 **(1) The director of the department of corrections or his or her designee;**
20 **(2) The director of the division of probation and parole or his or her designee;**
21 **(3) The director of the department of social services or his or her designee;**
22 **(4) The director of the children's division of the department of social services or his**
23 **or her designee;**
24 **(5) The director of the division of youth services of the department of social services**
25 **or his or her designee;**
26 **(6) The director of the department of health and senior services or his or her**
27 **designee;**
28 **(7) Two chief juvenile officers from two different urban areas and two chief**
29 **juvenile officers from two different rural areas who shall be appointed by the president of**
30 **the Missouri juvenile justice association;**
31 **(8) One circuit or associate circuit judge from a circuit which has a drug court who**
32 **shall be appointed by the chief justice of the Missouri supreme court;**
33 **(9) One member of the department of economic development's workforce**
34 **development office who shall be appointed by the director of the department of economic**
35 **development;**
36 **(10) One member shall be affiliated with a community college or a vocational or**
37 **technical school who shall be appointed by the governor;**
38 **(11) Three chief executive officers of three different private businesses that employ**
39 **a minimum of twenty employees each who shall be appointed by the governor;**
40 **(12) The young adult division manager of the St. Louis Agency on Training and**
41 **Employment; and**
42 **(13) The young adult division manager of Full Employment Council, Inc.**
43 **4. All persons appointed to the task force shall be appointed within thirty days of**
44 **the effective date of this section.**
45 **5. Members of the task force shall meet at least quarterly and submit its**
46 **recommendations for a statewide plan for a prison to prosperity program or programs to**
47 **the general assembly by December 31, 2018.**
48 **6. Members of the task force shall receive no additional compensation but shall be**
49 **eligible for reimbursement for expenses directly related to the performance of task force**
50 **duties.**
51 **7. The provisions of this section terminate May 31, 2019.**

2 Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure that persons have access to
3 employment and education opportunities to become productive citizens in their community upon
release from incarceration, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate

4 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an
5 emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full
6 force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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