

# SENATE BILL NO. 1070

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MCCREERY.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 565, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a cyber crimes task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 565, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 565.258, to read as follows:

**565.258. 1. There is hereby created the "Stop Cyberstalking and Harassment Task Force" to consist of the following members:**

**(1) The following four members of the general assembly:**

**(a) Two members of the senate, with one member to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one member to be appointed by the minority floor leader; and**

**(b) Two members of the house of representatives, with one member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one member to be appointed by the minority floor leader;**

**(2) The director of the department of public safety or his or her designee;**

**(3) A representative of the Missouri highway patrol appointed by the superintendent of the Missouri highway patrol;**

17           (4) A representative of the Missouri Association of  
18 Prosecuting Attorneys appointed by the president of the  
19 Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys;

20           (5) One or more law enforcement officers with  
21 experience relating to cyberstalking and harassment  
22 appointed by the governor;

23           (6) One or more representatives from a regional cyber  
24 crime task force appointed by the governor;

25           (7) A person with experience in training law  
26 enforcement on issues of cyberstalking or harassment  
27 appointed by the governor;

28           (8) A representative of a statewide coalition against  
29 domestic and sexual violence appointed by the governor;

30           (9) A representative of the Missouri safe at home  
31 program appointed by the secretary of state;

32           (10) A representative of the office of state courts  
33 administrator appointed by the state courts administrator;

34           (11) A mental health service provider with experience  
35 serving victims or perpetrators of crime appointed by the  
36 director of the department of mental health;

37           (12) One representative from elementary and secondary  
38 education services with experience educating people about  
39 cyberstalking and harassment appointed by the director of  
40 the department of elementary and secondary education;

41           (13) One representative from higher education services  
42 with experience educating people about cyberstalking and  
43 harassment appointed by the director of higher education and  
44 workforce development; and

45           (14) One representative with experience in  
46 cybersecurity and technology appointed by the director of  
47 the office of administration.

48           2. The task force shall appoint a chairperson who is  
49 elected by a majority vote of the members of the task  
50 force. The task force shall have an initial meeting before  
51 October 1, 2024. The members of the task force shall serve  
52 without compensation, but shall be entitled to necessary and  
53 actual expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task  
54 force.

55           3. The task force shall collect feedback from  
56 stakeholders, which may include, but shall not be limited  
57 to, victims, law enforcement, victim advocates, and digital  
58 evidence and forensics experts, to inform development of  
59 best practices regarding:

60           (1) The treatment of victims of cyberstalking or  
61 harassment; and

62           (2) Actions to stop cyberstalking and harassment when  
63 it occurs.

64           4. The task force shall study and make  
65 recommendations, including, but not limited to:

66           (1) Whether a need exists for further training for law  
67 enforcement relating to cyberstalking and harassment, and if  
68 such a need does exist, recommendations on how to best fill  
69 the need, whether legislatively or otherwise;

70           (2) Whether a need exists for increased coordination  
71 among police departments to address instances of  
72 cyberstalking or harassment, and if such a need does exist,  
73 recommendations on how to best fill the need, whether  
74 legislatively or otherwise;

75           (3) Resources and tools law enforcement may need to  
76 identify patterns and collect evidence in cases of  
77 cyberstalking or harassment;

78           (4) Whether a need exists for strengthening the rights  
79 afforded to victims of cyberstalking or harassment in

80 Missouri law, and if such a need does exist, recommendations  
81 on how to best fill the need;

82 (5) Educational and any other resources deemed  
83 necessary by the taskforce to educate and inform victims and  
84 the public on ways to protect themselves from cyberstalking  
85 and harassment;

86 (6) Whether a need exists for increased victim  
87 services and training for victim advocates relating to  
88 cyberstalking and harassment, and if such a need does exist,  
89 recommendations on how to best fill the need, whether  
90 legislatively or otherwise.

91 5. The department of public safety shall provide  
92 administrative support to the task force.

93 6. On or before December thirty-first of each year,  
94 the task force shall submit a report on its findings to the  
95 governor and the general assembly.

96 7. The task force shall expire on December 31, 2026,  
97 unless extended until December 31, 2028, as determined  
98 necessary by the department of public safety.

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