

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 609

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RAZER.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to school bus transportation safety.

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

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 162.066, to read as follows:

**162.066. 1. There is hereby established the "Joint Task Force on School Bus Safety" to study school bus transportation safety in public schools. The task force members shall be appointed as follows:**

**(1) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;**

**(2) Two members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate;**

**(3) The commissioner of education or his or her designee;**

**(4) The director of the department of transportation or his or her designee; and**

**(5) The director of the department of public safety or his or her designee.**

**2. The members of the task force shall meet within thirty days after its creation to organize and select one member to serve as chair.**

18           3. Beginning January 1, 2022, the task force shall  
19 meet at least three times annually to complete its  
20 consideration of its objectives under the provisions of this  
21 section. Members of the task force shall serve without  
22 compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for  
23 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
24 their official duties.

25           4. The task force shall develop an annual report  
26 analyzing school bus transportation safety in public  
27 schools, including:

- 28           (1) Entrance and exit safety;  
29           (2) Effectiveness of seat belts; and  
30           (3) Other school bus transportation safety issues  
31 deemed worthy by the chair.

32           5. Beginning January 1, 2022, the task force shall  
33 submit its report to the governor and general assembly by  
34 December thirty-first annually.

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