SENATE BILL NO. 792

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR RAZER.

3497S.01I 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

- 2 one new section, to be known as section 162.066, to read as
- 3 follows:
 - 162.066. 1. There is hereby established the "Joint
- 2 Task Force on School Bus Safety" to study school bus
- 3 transportation safety in public schools. The task force
- 4 members shall be appointed as follows:
- 5 (1) Two members of the house of representatives
- 6 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- 7 (2) Two members of the senate appointed by the
- 8 president pro tempore of the senate;
- 9 (3) The commissioner of education or his or her
- 10 designee;
- 11 (4) The director of the department of transportation
- 12 or his or her designee; and
- 13 (5) The director of the department of public safety or
- 14 his or her designee.
- 15 2. The members of the task force shall meet within
- 16 thirty days after its creation to organize and select one
- 17 member to serve as chair.

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- 3. Beginning January 1, 2023, 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.
- 5. Beginning January 1, 2023, the task force shall
- 33 submit its report to the governor and general assembly by
- 34 December thirty-first annually.