

HB 2438 -- Missouri Children's Services Commission

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Currently, the membership of the Missouri Children's Services Commission is comprised of the Director or Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the director or deputy director of each state agency, department, division, or other entity which provides services or programs for children; one judge of a juvenile court; one judge of a family court; and eight legislative members, two from each political party of the House of Representatives and two from each political party of the Senate. This bill changes the membership to be comprised of the director or the director's designee of the departments of Corrections, Elementary and Secondary Education, Higher Education, Health and Senior Services, Mental Health, Public Safety, and Social Services; one judge of a family or juvenile court; four legislative members, one from each political party of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker and one from each political party of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem; and five at-large members who must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate representing one of the following: pediatricians, family physicians, hospital administrators, children's advocacy organizations, and parents of minor children.

The bill specifies that the commission's plan to improve the quality of children's programs statewide must include goals with measurable outcomes for state agencies with respect to children's services and policy recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly.