

House Concurrent Resolution No. 101

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALSH.

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2 **WHEREAS**, school violence is a public health problem that results in deaths, serious
3 injuries, and significant psychological problems, according to the Centers for Disease Control
4 and Prevention (CDC); and

5 **WHEREAS**, the CDC reports that in a 2015 survey, almost eight percent of youth in
6 grades nine through twelve "reported being in a physical fight on school property in the twelve
7 months before the survey" and six percent "reported being threatened or injured with a weapon
8 on school property one or more times in the twelve months before the survey"; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, despite the efforts of programs and organizations dedicated to ending
11 school violence, deaths and physical fights on school property continue to occur:

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13 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
14 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
15 concurring therein, hereby create the School Violence Task Force; and

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17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the mission of the task force shall be to raise
18 awareness of the school violence problem in Missouri and provide organizations and agencies
19 that work to end school violence with a central place to share information; and

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21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall consist of the following
22 members:

23 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
24 House of Representatives;

25 (2) One principal of an elementary school or middle school, appointed by the Speaker
26 of the House of Representatives;

27 (3) One principal of a high school, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives;

29 (4) One teacher at an elementary school or middle school, appointed by the Speaker of
30 the House of Representatives;

31 (5) Two college professors, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

32 (6) Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

33 (7) One member of law enforcement, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
34 Senate;

35 (8) One teacher at a high school, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

36 (9) One member of a college campus security office, appointed by the President Pro
37 Tempore of the Senate; and

38 (10) Two mental health professionals, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
39 Senate; and

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41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the staff members of Senate Research, House
42 Research, House Drafting, and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research shall provide such
43 legal, research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the
44 performance of its duties; and

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46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force, its members, and any staff assigned
47 to the task force shall receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in
48 attending meetings of the task force or any subcommittee thereof; and

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50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall meet within two months from
51 adoption of this resolution; and

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53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall report a summary of its
54 activities and any recommendations for legislation to the General Assembly by January 1, 2019;
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57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the School Violence Task Force is authorized to
58 function during the legislative interim of the second regular session of the Ninety-ninth General
59 Assembly, as authorized by *State v. Atterbury*, 300 S.W.2d 806 (Mo. 1957); and

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61 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall terminate on January 1, 2019;
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64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
65 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
66 Attorney General, the Director of the Department of Public Safety, the Director of the
67 Department of Mental Health, the Commissioner of Education, and the Director of the
68 Department of Social Services.

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