

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 297, Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by
2 inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "21.875. 1. There is hereby established a joint task force within the Missouri state juvenile
5 justice advisory board to be known as the "Joint Task Force on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction and
6 Implementation" and to be composed of:

7 (1) Two members of the senate and two members of the house of representatives. Of the
8 four members to be appointed to the joint task force, the two senate members shall be appointed by
9 the president pro tempore and the minority leader of the senate and the two house members shall be
10 appointed by the speaker and the minority floor leader of the house of representatives;

11 (2) A chief juvenile officer from a single county judicial circuit appointed by the Missouri
12 Juvenile Justice Association;

13 (3) A chief juvenile officer from a multicounty judicial circuit appointed by the Missouri
14 Juvenile Justice Association;

15 (4) A superintendent of a Missouri juvenile detention center appointed by the Missouri
16 Juvenile Justice Association;

17 (5) The Missouri office of state courts administrator, or his or her designee;

18 (6) The director of the division of youth services within the department of social services;

19 (7) The commissioner of education, or his or her designee, within the department of
20 elementary and secondary education;

21 (8) The president, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Police Chiefs' Association;

22 (9) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association;

23 (10) The director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri state public defender;

24 (11) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri school board association;

25 (12) A juvenile or family court judge appointed by the Missouri supreme court;

26 (13) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Metropolitan Congregations
27 United;

28 (14) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Association of Counties;

29 (15) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Juvenile Justice
30 Association;

31 (16) A member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, appointed by the director of the
32 department of public safety; and

33 (17) The director of the department of public safety, or his or her designee.

34 2. The joint task force shall review current juvenile court jurisdiction as it pertains to status
35 and delinquency offenses and develop a plan for full implementation of raising the age of juvenile
36 court jurisdiction to seventeen years of age. The implementation plan shall include:

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1 (1) An analysis of the impact raising the age of juvenile court jurisdiction will have on state
2 and county budgets as well as identify resource issues and cost mitigation strategies;

3 (2) An appropriate fiscal note that is based on the analysis under subdivision (1) of this
4 subsection;

5 (3) An allocation of funds deposited into the juvenile justice preservation fund established
6 under section 211.435, as well as recommendations on how the funds may be used;

7 (4) An analysis of projected cases relating to subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section
8 211.031, and an examination of best practices and alternatives for status offenders seventeen years
9 of age;

10 (5) An examination of alternative strategies, such as civil citations or other diversion
11 processes; and

12 (6) Addressing additional statutory implications of raising the age of juvenile court
13 jurisdiction to include the following:

14 (a) Compulsory school attendance;

15 (b) Age of commitment to the division of youth services;

16 (c) Certification;

17 (d) Dual jurisdiction; and

18 (e) Refining definitions.

19 3. The joint task force shall meet within thirty days after its creation and select a chair and
20 vice chair. A majority of the joint task force shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a
21 majority of the members shall be required for the determination of any matter within the joint task
22 force's duties.

23 4. The joint task force shall meet at least quarterly and at locations other than Jefferson City
24 if the joint task force deems it necessary.

25 5. The joint task force shall be staffed by legislative personnel as is deemed necessary to
26 assist the joint task force in the performance of its duties.

27 6. The members of the joint task force shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled
28 to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official
29 duties.

30 7. It shall be the duty of the joint task force to compile a full report of its activities for
31 submission to the general assembly by January 15, 2020. Copies of the report containing such
32 recommendations shall be sent to the appropriate directors of state or local government agencies or
33 departments included in the report."; and

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35 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
36 accordingly.