SPONSOR: Bailey

This bill establishes the "Women's Economic Development Task Force" which will meet five times and discuss topics such as aging, child care and parenting, primary and secondary education, balancing professional and family responsibilities, and young professionals, as they relate to women's participation and advancement in the workforce. The meetings will be held in Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Kansas City, Springfield, and St. Louis. The meetings will be completed before August 1, 2020.

The task force will be composed of the following and will reflect regional, gender, and ethnic diversity:

- (1) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker and Minority Floor Leader;
- (2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem and the Minority Leader;
- (3) Two members appointed by the Governor; and
- (4) Three members of the general public appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The task force will meet within 30 days after its creation and select a chair and vice chair with a majority of the task force constituting as a quorum.

The members of the task force will serve without compensation but will be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

The Department of Economic Development and staff members of House Research, House Drafting, Senate Research, and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research will provide legal, research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require.

The task force will compile a full report of its findings and commendations for legislation and submission to the General Assembly by September 8, 2020, and the task force will terminate on December 31, 2020.