

## HB 1160 -- BROADBAND TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Riggs

This bill establishes the "21st Century Missouri Broadband Deployment Task Force". The membership of the Task Force includes: three members of the House of Representatives with two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the Minority Leader, three members of the Senate with two appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Leader, and 18 representing various interested parties.

The duties of the Task Force are to evaluate the status of broadband deployment in the state, evaluate the deployment process, and make recommendations about how to best increase broadband Internet deployment to certain residents. The Task Force will make recommendations for legislation as well as submit a report outlining a summary of Task Force activities to the General Assembly before August 28, 2022. The Task Force will suspend operations on January 1, 2023 and reconvene January 1, 2024 to provide updates and review recommendations to be presented by August 28, 2024.