

HB 1165 -- GAP ANALYSIS TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Riggs

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 16 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill establishes the "21st Century Missouri Social Services Gap Analysis Task force". The membership of the task force includes: five members of the House of Representatives with two members appointed by the Speaker and two appointed by the Minority Leader and one member to be the chair of the House Budget Committee or their designee, five members of the Senate with two appointed by the President Pro Tem and two appointed by the Minority Leader, and one member to be the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee or their designee, the Governor or his designee, 16 members as appointed by the Speaker, representing various parties, the Chief Information Officer, the Director of the MO HealthNet Division of the Department of Social Services or their designee, and four members to be appointed by the Governor representing a member of the State Information Technology Advisory Board and various departments.

The mission of the task force is outlined in the bill and includes, but is not limited to, evaluation of the current condition of the state's social services system, as defined in the bill, evaluation of funding, and recommendations on how to fill any gaps in the social services system. 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. The task force will continue to meet every two years until this section terminates on August 28th 2033.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help fix gaps in Missouri's social services systems by actively looking for ways to improve them. The bill has legislatures actively addressing tough questions to help Missourians.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Riggs and Arnie C. Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on

the House website.