

HB 1206 -- 21ST CENTURY INNOVATION HUB TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Riggs

This bill establishes the "21st Century Innovation Hub 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 22 representing various government agencies and interested parties. The Speaker of the House shall designate the Chair of the Task Force and the President Pro Tem of the Senate shall designate the Vice Chair of the Task Force.

The mission of the Task Force is to maximize and expand existing industries that spur technological innovation throughout the state. 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.