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HOUSE BILL NO. 312

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the 21st-century Missouri social services gap analysis task force.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 191.1161, to read as follows:

3 **191.1161. 1. There is hereby established the "21st-Century Missouri Social**
4 **Services Gap Analysis Task Force".**

5 **2. The task force shall consist of the following members:**

6 **(1) Six members of the house of representatives, with three members to be**
7 **appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one member to be the chair of**
8 **the house budget committee or his or her designee, and two members to be appointed by**
9 **the minority leader of the house of representatives;**

10 **(2) Three members of the senate, with two members to be appointed by the**
11 **president pro tempore of the senate and one member to be appointed by the minority**
12 **leader of the senate;**

13 **(3) Sixteen members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of**
14 **representatives, composed of the following:**

15 **(a) One member who is an expert in the field of geospatial intelligence;**

16 **(b) One member who is a forensic accountant; and**

17 **(c) A representative from each of the following:**

a. An area agency on aging;

b. A statewide association or alliance of community foundations;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 18 c. A community health clinic;
- 19 d. A rural transportation service provider;
- 20 e. A regional housing services provider;
- 21 f. A prisoner reentry program;
- 22 g. The faith-based community;
- 23 h. A statewide foundation promoting health;
- 24 i. A statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the health of rural residents;
- 25 j. A food bank, as defined in section 208.600;
- 26 k. A statewide nonprofit membership association of hospitals;
- 27 l. A statewide nonprofit membership association of physicians;
- 28 m. A statewide nonprofit organization involved in children's issues; and
- 29 n. A statewide nonprofit organization involved in disability issues;
- 30 (4) The chief information officer of the state;
- 31 (5) The director of the MO HealthNet division of the department of social
- 32 services or the director's designee;
- 33 (6) The director of the department of health and senior services or the director's
- 34 designee;
- 35 (7) The director of the department of social services or the director's designee;
- 36 and
- 37 (8) The director of the department of mental health or the director's designee.
- 38 3. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate the chair of the
- 39 task force, and the president pro tempore of the senate shall designate the vice chair of
- 40 the task force.
- 41 4. Staff members of house research, house drafting, senate research, and the
- 42 joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal, research, clerical,
- 43 technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the performance of
- 44 its duties.
- 45 5. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but the members
- 46 and any staff assigned to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and
- 47 necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any
- 48 subcommittee thereof. All task force members shall be subject to the same conflict of
- 49 interest provisions in chapter 105 that are enforced by the Missouri ethics commission in
- 50 the same manner that elected or appointed officials and employees are subject to such
- 51 provisions.
- 52 6. The task force shall hold its first meeting within two months from the effective
- 53 date of this section.
- 54 7. The mission of the task force shall be to:

55 (1) Evaluate the condition of the state's social services system, defined as the
56 publicly funded system of services intended to meet the needs of vulnerable residents
57 including, but not limited to, services providing health and mental health care, housing,
58 and employment supports;

59 (2) Study successful social services systems in other states in order to identify
60 highly effective models;

61 (3) Evaluate current funding for the state's social services system;

62 (4) Identify any gaps in the state's social services system;

63 (5) Evaluate whether current funding is sufficient to not only maintain the social
64 services system in its current state but also to ensure that it serves the needs of
65 Missouri's vulnerable residents moving forward into the twenty-first century;

66 (6) Make recommendations regarding the condition of the social services system
67 and funding of the social services system; and

68 (7) Make recommendations on how to fill any gaps in the social services system
69 and ensure the state's vulnerable residents are able to access the services they need in
70 order to maintain their health and well-being and participate fully in their communities.

71 8. The task force shall report a summary of its activities and any
72 recommendations for legislation to the general assembly before August 28, 2024.

73 9. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on January 1, 2025. At such
74 time, all members of the task force shall be relieved of their positions on the task force.

75 (2) The task force shall resume its operations on January 1, 2026, with a new set
76 of members to be selected according to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section. The
77 new chair and the new vice chair of the task force shall be designated according to the
78 provisions of subsection 3 of this section.

79 (3) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall continue to receive
80 services according to the provisions of subsection 4 of this section and shall continue to
81 be subject to all provisions of subsection 5 of this section.

82 (4) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall review all summaries
83 and recommendations previously made under subsection 8 of this section and shall
84 continue to carry out the mission described in subsection 7 of this section.

85 (5) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall report an updated
86 summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the general
87 assembly before August 28, 2026.

88 (6) After providing a report to the general assembly as required under
89 subdivision (5) of this subsection, the task force shall continue to meet every two years
90 periodically until this section terminates. The task force shall provide additional
91 updated summaries of its activities and additional recommendations for legislation to

92 **the general assembly, at such times as the task force deems necessary, until the task**
93 **force is terminated.**

94 **10. This section shall terminate on August 28, 2035.**

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