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HOUSE BILL NO. 311

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 1, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the twenty-first century innovation hub task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 1, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 1.511, to read as follows:

**1.511. 1. There is hereby established the "Twenty-First Century Innovation Hub
2 Task Force".**

3 2. The task force shall consist of:

**4 (1) Five members of the house of representatives, with three members to be
5 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, at least one of whom is a
6 member of the committee on economic development, and two members to be appointed
7 by the minority leader of the house of representatives;**

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

11 (3) The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee;

**12 (4) One member representing the department of higher education and
13 workforce development, appointed by the commissioner of higher education;**

**14 (5) One member representing public universities in the state, appointed by the
15 speaker of the house of representatives;**

**16 (6) Five members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, each
17 of whom has subject-matter expertise in one of the following:**

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 **(a) Agricultural technology;**
19 **(b) Business, representing a business organization in this state;**
20 **(c) Farming, representing a farming organization in this state;**
21 **(d) Food technology; and**
22 **(e) Health sciences; and**
23 **(7) Eleven members representing each of the following organizations, with eight**
24 **members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and three members**
25 **appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate:**
26 **(a) BioSTL;**
27 **(b) The Center for Rural Health Innovation;**
28 **(c) The Danforth Plant Science Center;**
29 **(d) The Early Adopter Grower Innovation Community;**
30 **(e) The Independent Colleges and Universities of Missouri;**
31 **(f) The Missouri Cattlemen's Association;**
32 **(g) The Missouri Community College Association;**
33 **(h) The Missouri Corn Growers Association;**
34 **(i) The Missouri Partnership;**
35 **(j) The Missouri Soybean Association; and**
36 **(k) The State Technical College of Missouri.**
37 **3. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate the chair of the**
38 **task force, and the president pro tempore of the senate shall designate the vice chair of**
39 **the task force.**
40 **4. Staff members of house research, house drafting, senate research, and the**
41 **joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal, research, clerical,**
42 **technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the performance of**
43 **its duties.**
44 **5. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but the members**
45 **and any staff assigned to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and**
46 **necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any**
47 **subcommittee thereof. All task force members shall be subject to the same conflict-**
48 **of-interest provisions in chapter 105 that are enforced by the Missouri ethics**
49 **commission in the same manner that elected or appointed officials and employees are**
50 **subject to such provisions.**
51 **6. The task force shall hold its first meeting within two months from the effective**
52 **date of this section.**
53 **7. The mission of the task force shall be to maximize and expand existing**
54 **industries that spur technological innovation throughout the state, with particular focus**

55 on the areas of agricultural technology, health sciences, and food technology, and to
56 create more jobs in the technology sector.

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

59 9. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on January 1, 2025. At such
60 time, all members of the task force shall be relieved of their positions on the task force.

61 (2) The task force shall resume its operations on January 1, 2026, with a new set
62 of members to be selected in the manner of subsection 2 of this section. The new chair
63 and the new vice chair of the task force shall be designated under subsection 3 of this
64 section.

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

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

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

74 (6) After providing a report to the general assembly as required under
75 subdivision (5) of this subsection, the task force shall continue to meet every two years
76 periodically until this section expires. The task force shall provide additional updated
77 summaries of its activities and additional recommendations for legislation to the general
78 assembly, at such times as the task force deems necessary, until the task force is
79 terminated.

80 10. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

81 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall
82 automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of this section unless
83 reauthorized by an act of the general assembly;

84 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section
85 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of
86 this section; and

87 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year
88 immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this
89 section is sunset.