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HOUSE BILL NO. 735

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 decentralizing state government 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 known as section 1.1300, to read as follows:

1.1300. 1. There is hereby created the "Decentralizing State Government Task Force".

2. The members of the task force shall be as follows:

(1) Three members of the house of representatives, with two members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

(2) Three members of the senate, with two members appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(3) The state auditor or his or her designee; and

(4) The commissioner of administration or his or her designee.

3. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate the chair of the task force, and the president pro tempore of the senate shall designate the vice chair of the task force.

4. Staff offices including, but not limited to, house research, house drafting, senate research, and the joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal,

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.

17 research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in
18 the performance of its duties.

19 **5. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but the members**
20 **and any staff assigned to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and**
21 **necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any**
22 **subcommittee thereof. All task force members shall be subject to the same conflict-**
23 **of-interest provisions in chapter 105 that are enforced by the Missouri ethics**
24 **commission in the same manner that elected or appointed officials and employees are**
25 **subject to such provisions.**

26 **6. The task force shall hold its first meeting within two months from the effective**
27 **date of this section.**

28 **7. The duties of the task force shall be to:**

29 **(1) Evaluate the degree of centralization of the various functions of government;**

30 **(2) Evaluate the capacity for the private sector and political subdivisions to**
31 **assume responsibilities currently under the purview of state government; and**

32 **(3) Make recommendations regarding decentralizing state government to the**
33 **general assembly.**

34 **8. The task force shall report a summary of its activities and recommendations**
35 **to the general assembly before September 30, 2024.**

36 **9. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on September 30, 2024. At**
37 **such time, all members of the task force shall be relieved of their positions on the task**
38 **force.**

39 **(2) The task force shall resume its operations on September 30, 2025, with a new**
40 **set of members to be selected according to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.**
41 **The new chair and the new vice chair of the task force shall be designated according to**
42 **the provisions of subsection 3 of this section.**

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

46 **(4) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall review all summaries**
47 **and recommendations previously made under subsection 8 of this section and shall**
48 **continue to carry out the duties described in subsection 7 of this section.**

49 **(5) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall report an updated**
50 **summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the general**
51 **assembly before September 30, 2026.**

52 **(6) After providing a report to the general assembly as required under**
53 **subdivision (5) of this subsection, the task force shall continue to meet every two years**

54 **until this section expires. The task force shall provide additional updated summaries of**
55 **its activities and additional recommendations for legislation to the general assembly, at**
56 **such times as the task force deems necessary, until the task force is terminated.**

57 **10. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

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

61 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
62 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of**
63 **this section; and**

64 **(3) This section shall terminate on September thirtieth of the calendar year**
65 **immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this**
66 **section is sunset.**

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