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HOUSE BILL NO. 1226

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PROUDIE.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 211, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the task force on juvenile justice and education.

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

Section A. Chapter 211, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 211.575, to read as follows:

211.575. 1. The "Task Force on Juvenile Justice and Education" is hereby
2 **created to study and make recommendations on the processes, procedures, and**
3 **protocols regarding education for adjudicated youth in Missouri. The task force shall**
4 **consist of the following members:**

5 **(1) One member of the general assembly appointed by the president pro tempore**
6 **of the senate;**

7 **(2) One member of the general assembly appointed by the minority floor leader**
8 **of the senate;**

9 **(3) One member of the general assembly appointed by the speaker of the house**
10 **of representatives;**

11 **(4) One member of the general assembly appointed by the minority floor leader**
12 **of the house of representatives;**

13 **(5) The secretary of state or his or her designee;**

14 **(6) The attorney general or his or her designee; and**

15 **(7) A current or former judge from the juvenile and family court appointed by**
16 **the St. Louis juvenile court system.**

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 **2. Members of the task force shall be individuals who are actively involved in or**
18 **have a well-documented interest in the fields of education, special education, or**
19 **adjudicated youth. The appointment of members shall reflect the geographic diversity**
20 **of the state.**

21 **3. The task force shall elect a presiding officer by a majority vote of the members**
22 **of the task force. The task force shall meet at the call of the presiding officer.**

23 **4. The task force shall study nationally recognized best practices and make**
24 **recommendations regarding the development and implementation of effective state-**
25 **wide processes and procedures for the appropriate education of adjudicated youth. In**
26 **making the recommendations, the task force shall:**

27 **(1) Gather information concerning current processes, procedures, protocols, and**
28 **adherence from throughout the state;**

29 **(2) Receive reports and testimony from individuals, state and local agencies,**
30 **community-based organizations, and other public and private organizations; and**

31 **(3) Create goals for state policy that would ensure adjudicated youth receive**
32 **free, appropriate, and consistent education.**

33 **5. The recommendations may include proposals for specific statutory changes**
34 **and additions or methods to foster cooperation among state agencies and between the**
35 **state and local government.**

36 **6. The task force shall consult with employees of the department of social**
37 **services, the department of public safety, the department of elementary and secondary**
38 **education, the department of corrections, and any other state agency, board,**
39 **commission, office, or department as necessary to accomplish the task force's**
40 **responsibilities under this section.**

41 **7. The task force shall meet within two months of August 28, 2023.**

42 **8. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation and shall not**
43 **be reimbursed for their expenses.**

44 **9. The secretary of state's and attorney general's office shall provide**
45 **administrative support to the task force.**

46 **10. On or before December 31, 2023, the task force shall submit a report on the**
47 **task force's findings to the governor and general assembly.**

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