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AN ACT

To amend chapter 650, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the Missouri task force on nonprofit safety and security, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 650, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 650.900 and 650.910, to read as follows:

650.900. 1. There is hereby established within the department of public safety office of homeland security the "Missouri Task Force on Nonprofit Safety and Security". The task force shall study and make recommendations on the security needs of nonprofit organizations that are at elevated risk of terrorist attacks in Missouri and make recommendations on the following:

- (1) The administration and funding for eligible nonprofit entities to apply for federal nonprofit security grants covering security personnel, security training, facility hardening, and other necessary security measures; and
- (2) Outreach to and education for nonprofit entities about the grant program and the federal nonprofit security grant application process, with a particular focus on engaging and assisting first-time grant applications.
- 2. Members of the task force shall be appointed by the director of the department of public safety and shall include:
 - (1) The director of the office of homeland security or the director's designee;
- 15 (2) The superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol or the superintendent's designee;

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.

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17 (3) The executive director of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association or the executive 18 director's designee;

- (4) The executive director of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association or the executive director's designee;
- 21 (5) The executive director of a statewide interfaith or interreligious organization 22 or the executive director's designee;
 - (6) The executive director of a statewide association of nonprofit organizations or the executive director's designee; and
 - (7) Three representatives from nonprofit organizations including faith-based groups, academia, or organizations that work on countering domestic terrorism and extremism.
 - 3. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.
 - 4. The task force shall elect a chair by a majority vote of its members.
 - 5. The task force shall establish a time and place for its meetings and shall meet at least quarterly, with additional meetings held upon the call of the chair.
 - 6. A majority of the total task force members shall constitute a quorum and any official action taken by the task force shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting.
 - 7. The task force shall issue a report to the office of homeland security of its findings and recommendations with respect to terrorist attacks in Missouri. The report shall be issued annually and at such other times as deemed necessary by the task force. The report shall also be provided to the chairs and ranking members of the senate committee on appropriations and the house budget committee.
- 650.910. 1. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Supplemental Nonprofit Safety and Security Fund", which shall consist of moneys collected under this section and section 650.900. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely as provided in this section and section 650.900.
 - (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.
- 10 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as 11 other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be 12 credited to the fund.

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2. The fund shall be used to defray the costs of security enhancements or measures for eligible nonprofit organizations described in subsection 4 of this section, including:

- (1) Safety and security planning, equipment, training, and exercises;
- 17 (2) Security-related technology;

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- (3) Threat awareness and response training;
- 19 (4) Upgrades to existing structures that enhance safety and security; and
- 20 (5) Vulnerability and threat assessments.
 - 3. Nonprofit organizations whose applications for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's nonprofit security grant program have been approved by the department of public safety office of homeland security are eligible for grants from the fund. No additional application shall be required for grants from the fund and an application for a grant from the federal program is also an application for funding from the fund.
 - 4. An eligible organization may receive a grant from the fund of up to five percent of the available grant pool for distribution. No grants under the fund shall be awarded until the announcement of the recipients and the amount of the grants awarded under the federal nonprofit security grant program.
 - 5. No more than five percent of the available funds available annually shall be used for administration expenses associated with the fund.
 - 6. The director may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to protect the security of vulnerable entities, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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