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103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To amend chapters 1 and 8, RSMo, by adding thereto four new sections relating to task forces.

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

Section A. Chapters 1 and 8, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto four new sections, to be known as sections 1.510, 1.511, 1.1300, and 8.930, to read as follows:

**1.510. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri State Technology Task Force".**

**2. The task force shall consist of:**

**(1) Five members of the house of representatives, with three members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two members to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;**

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

**(3) The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's designee;**

**(4) The secretary of state or the secretary's designee;**

**(5) The chief information officer of the office of administration, one member of the information technology advisory board of the office of administration, one additional member representing the office of administration, and one member of the department of higher education and workforce development or the department'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.

17           **(6) Five members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, with**  
18 **subject-matter expertise in the following areas:**

19           **(a) Missouri-based technology providers; or**

20           **(b) Cybersecurity; and**

21           **(7) Three members appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, with**  
22 **subject-matter expertise in the following areas:**

23           **(a) Web-based communication services;**

24           **(b) Electronic records and storage retention; or**

25           **(c) Large-scale software implementation.**

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

29           **4. Staff members of house research, house drafting, senate research, and the**  
30 **joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal, research, clerical,**  
31 **technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the performance of**  
32 **its duties.**

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

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

42           **7. The mission of the task force shall be to:**

43           **(1) Evaluate the condition of the state's current technology platforms;**

44           **(2) Evaluate the uses of cloud computing and artificial intelligence to improve**  
45 **the state's technological foundation and customer service;**

46           **(3) Evaluate the state's certificate programs and workforce development efforts,**  
47 **including any efforts to use knowledge models to help guide students into certain**  
48 **employment areas from young ages so that they are able to advance in rewarding**  
49 **careers;**

50           **(4) Research and review adaptive technology initiatives for state use;**

51           **(5) Evaluate current cost-spending and cost-saving state technological protocols;**

52           **(6) Make recommendations regarding the condition of the state's technological**  
53 **systems;**

54           (7) Make recommendations regarding the condition of the state's citizen-  
55 accessible technology platforms; and

56           (8) Make recommendations regarding the use of technology and artificial  
57 intelligence to improve state management of records and to enable Missouri citizens and  
58 agencies to have more efficient electronic communications and access.

59           8. The task force shall report a summary of its activities and any  
60 recommendations for legislation to the general assembly before August 28, 2026.

61           9. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on January 1, 2027. At such  
62 time, all members of the task force shall be relieved of their position on the task force.

63           (2) The task force shall resume its operations on January 1, 2028, with a new set  
64 of members to be selected in the manner of subsection 2 of this section. The new chair  
65 and the new vice chair of the task force shall be designated as provided under subsection  
66 3 of this section.

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

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

73           (5) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall report an updated  
74 summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the general  
75 assembly before August 28, 2028.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4           **2. The task force shall consist of:**

5           **(1) Five members of the house of representatives, with three members to be**  
6 **appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two members to be**  
7 **appointed 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:**

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;**

**(j) The Missouri Soybean Association; and**

35           (k) The State Technical College of Missouri.

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

39           4. Staff members of house research, house drafting, senate research, and the  
40 joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal, research, clerical,  
41 technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the performance of  
42 its duties.

43           5. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but the members  
44 and any staff assigned to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and  
45 necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any  
46 subcommittee thereof. All task force members shall be subject to the same conflict-  
47 of-interest provisions in chapter 105 that are enforced by the Missouri ethics  
48 commission in the same manner that elected or appointed officials and employees are  
49 subject to such provisions.

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

52           7. The mission of the task force shall be to maximize and expand existing  
53 industries that spur technological innovation throughout the state, with particular focus  
54 on the areas of agricultural technology, health sciences, and food technology, and to  
55 create more jobs in the technology sector.

56           8. The task force shall report a summary of its activities and any  
57 recommendations for legislation to the general assembly before August 28, 2026.

58           9. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on January 1, 2027. At such  
59 time, all members of the task force shall be relieved of their positions on the task force.

60           (2) The task force shall resume its operations on January 1, 2028, with a new set  
61 of members to be selected in the manner of subsection 2 of this section. The new chair  
62 and the new vice chair of the task force shall be designated according to the provisions  
63 of subsection 3 of this section.

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

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

70           (5) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall report an updated  
71 summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the general  
72 assembly before August 28, 2028.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15          4. Staff offices including, but not limited to, house research, house drafting,  
16 senate research, and the joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal,  
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, 2026.**

36           **9. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on September 30, 2026. At**  
37 **such time, all members of the task force shall be relieved of their position on the task**  
38 **force.**

39           **(2) The task force shall resume its operations on September 30, 2027, 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, 2028.**

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.

8.930. 1. There is hereby created the "State Building Usage Task Force".

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 4. Staff offices including, but not limited to, house research, house drafting,  
15 senate research, and the joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal,  
16 research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in  
17 the performance of its duties.

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



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

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

28           **(1) Provide and maintain an accurate account of all Missouri state government-**  
29 **owned and -leased real property, including property purchased as a right-of-way by the**  
30 **department of transportation;**

31           **(2) Evaluate the conditions of all Missouri state government-owned and -leased**  
32 **real property, including identifying the utility costs associated with the real property**  
33 **and how often the real property is being utilized;**

34           **(3) Evaluate the current funding each Missouri state government-owned and**  
35 **-leased real property is receiving for the purpose of maintaining the real property;**

36           **(4) Evaluate whether the current funding received for maintaining the real**  
37 **property is sufficient to maintain the integrity of the real property and necessary**  
38 **compared to the amount of usage the real property receives;**

39           **(5) Make recommendations regarding the conditions of state government-owned**  
40 **and -leased real property, including if the real property is in need of rehabilitation or**  
41 **liquidation and if the utility costs associated with the real property could be reduced;**

42           **(6) For all real properties identified as in need of rehabilitation or liquidation,**  
43 **create a detailed plan for the rehabilitation or liquidation that may be implemented**  
44 **within two years; and**

45           **(7) Make recommendations regarding funding of state government-owned and**  
46 **-leased real property as it pertains to funding for maintaining the real property.**

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48 **Real properties owned and leased by public schools, as that term is defined in section**  
49 **160.011, shall not be included in the task force's evaluations.**

50           **8. The office of administration shall, within sixty days of the effective date of this**  
51 **section, provide a complete list of all government-owned and -leased real property to the**  
52 **task force. The office of administration shall provide an updated list to the task force**  
53 **following any change to the status of government-owned or -leased real property. The**  
54 **office of administration shall provide a new list to the task force each time the task force**  
55 **resumes operations, as provided in subsection 10 of this section.**

56           **9. The task force shall report a summary of its activities and recommendations**  
57 **to the general assembly before September 30, 2026.**

58           **10. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on September 30, 2026. At**  
59 **such time, all members of the task force shall be relieved of their position on the task**  
60 **force.**

61           (2) The task force shall resume its operations on September 30, 2027, with a new  
62 set of members to be selected according to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.  
63 The new chair and the new vice chair of the task force shall be designated according to  
64 the provisions of subsection 3 of this section.

65           (3) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall continue to receive  
66 services according to the provisions of subsection 4 of this section and shall continue to  
67 be subject to all 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 duties described in 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 September 30, 2028.

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

79           11. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

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

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

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

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