

HB 134 -- MISSOURI TASK FORCE ON NONPROFIT SAFETY AND SECURITY

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This bill establishes the "Missouri Task Force on Nonprofit Safety and Security" within the Department of Public Safety.

The Task Force is tasked with studying and making recommendations on the security needs of nonprofit organizations at elevated risk of terrorist attacks in Missouri. Members of the Task Force will be appointed by the Director of Public Safety, as specified in the bill. The Task Force must report at least annually to the Office of Homeland Security of its findings and recommendations with respect to terrorist attacks in Missouri.

The bill establishes the "Supplemental Nonprofit Safety and Security Fund". The Fund can be used to defray costs of security enhancements or measures, as specified in the bill, for eligible nonprofit organizations. Eligible nonprofit organizations are those 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. An eligible organization may receive a grant from the Fund of up to 5% of the available grant pool.

This bill has an emergency clause.

This bill is the same as HB 1557 (2024) and HB 1063(2023).