

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2343

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PROUDIE.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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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.

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*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 senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
6 senate;**

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

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

11       **(4) One member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority floor  
12 leader 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 or family court appointed by the  
16 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, 2026.**

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 offices shall provide**  
45 **administrative support to the task force.**

46           **10. On or before December 31, 2026, the task force shall submit a report on the**  
47 **task force's findings to the governor and general assembly.**

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