

HOUSE BILL NO. 3434

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 595, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of the Missouri statewide sexual assault response task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 595, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 595.410, to read as follows:

595.410. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Statewide Sexual Assault Response Task Force", which shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The following four members of the general assembly:

(a) Two members of the senate, with one member to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one member to be appointed by the minority floor leader of the senate; and

(b) Two members of the house of representatives, with one member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one member to be appointed by the minority floor leader of the house of representatives;

(2) Three representatives of the attorney general's office, with one member representing the cold case section of the litigation division, one member representing the SAFE Kits Initiative, and one member representing SAFETrack, with each such member appointed by the attorney general or his or her designee;

(3) One representative of the department of public safety's crime victims' compensation staff, to be appointed by the director of the department of public safety or his or her 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 **(4) One representative of the department of health and senior services' office on**
18 **women's health, to be appointed by the director of the department of health and senior**
19 **services or his or her designee;**

20 **(5) Two representatives of the Missouri state highway patrol, including one**
21 **member representing the Missouri highway patrol crime lab;**

22 **(6) Two representatives of the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual**
23 **Violence;**

24 **(7) One representative of the Missouri Hospital Association;**

25 **(8) One representative of the Missouri Nurses Association;**

26 **(9) One representative of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association;**

27 **(10) One representative of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association;**

28 **(11) One representative of the Missouri office of prosecution services;**

29 **(12) One representative of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program**
30 **that serves a community with a population of one hundred thousand inhabitants or**
31 **greater, to be appointed by the attorney general or his or her designee;**

32 **(13) One representative of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program**
33 **that serves a community with a population fewer than one hundred thousand**
34 **inhabitants, to be appointed by the attorney general or his or her designee;**

35 **(14) One representative of the Missouri Rural Health Association;**

36 **(15) Two persons who serve as victims' advocates, to be appointed by the**
37 **attorney general or his or her designee; and**

38 **(16) One person who is a private citizen who represents the interests of sexual**
39 **assault victims, to be appointed by the attorney general or his or her designee.**

40 **2. The task force shall study best practices and make recommendations**
41 **regarding the statewide response to sexual assault from the time of the complaint**
42 **through each phase of the investigative, medical, advocacy, and justice system response.**

43 **3. The task force shall determine whether a need exists for additional employees**
44 **or volunteers of a rape crisis center for victims of sexual assault and, if such a need does**
45 **exist:**

46 **(1) Establish a plan for how the state can provide, in conjunction with rape crisis**
47 **centers, victims' advocate organizations, the department of social services, and the**
48 **department of public safety, additional employees or volunteers of a rape crisis center to**
49 **meet the needs identified; and**

50 **(2) Determine the cost of funding such a plan.**

51 **4. The task force shall evaluate whether a need exists to provide for ongoing**
52 **evaluation of the implementation of the Sexual Assault Survivor Bill of Rights under**
53 **section 595.201, and if it is determined that such a need exists, the task force shall:**

- 54 **(1) Identify the scope and nature of the need; and**
- 55 **(2) Make recommendations on how best to fill that need, whether legislatively or**
- 56 **otherwise.**
- 57 **5. The task force shall:**
- 58 **(1) Collect data regarding sexual assault reporting, arrests, prosecution rates,**
- 59 **access to sexual assault victims services, and any other data important for its**
- 60 **deliberations and recommendations;**
- 61 **(2) Collect feedback from stakeholders, practitioners, and leadership throughout**
- 62 **the state and local law enforcement, victim services, forensic science practitioners, and**
- 63 **health care communities to inform development of future best practices or clinical**
- 64 **guidelines regarding the care and treatment of survivors;**
- 65 **(3) Identify gaps and barriers in response to sexual assault victims and propose**
- 66 **corrective measures; and**
- 67 **(4) Identify barriers to successful prosecution of sexual assault crimes and**
- 68 **propose remedies.**
- 69 **6. The office of the attorney general shall provide administrative support to the**
- 70 **task force.**
- 71 **7. On or before December 31, 2028, the task force shall submit a report on its**
- 72 **findings to the governor and general assembly. The report shall include any dissenting**
- 73 **opinions in addition to any majority opinions.**
- 74 **8. The task force shall expire on December 31, 2028.**

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