

HB 3434 -- VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Williams

This bill establishes the "Missouri Statewide Sexual Assault Response Task Force", which will be composed of various members, including two members from the Senate, one appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and one appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate; and two member of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House. The remaining Task Force members not otherwise specified to be appointed by department directors will be appointed by the Attorney General.

The Task Force will study best practices and make recommendations regarding the statewide response to sexual assault from the time of a complaint through each phase of the investigative, medical, advocacy, and justice system response. The bill specifies the Task Force's other duties and requirements. The Attorney General will provide administrative support to the Task Force. On or before December 31, 2028, the Task Force must submit its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly. The Task Force will expire on December 31, 2028.