

HOUSE BILL NO. 2149

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KNIGHT.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 211, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the joint task force on juvenile court jurisdiction and implementation.

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 known as section 211.550, to read as follows:

211.550. 1. There is hereby established a joint task force within the Missouri state juvenile justice advisory board to be known as the "Joint Task Force on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction and Implementation" and to be composed of:

(1) Two members of the senate and two members of the house of representatives. The two senate members shall be appointed by the president pro tempore and the minority leader of the senate and the two house members shall be appointed by the speaker and the minority floor leader of the house of representatives;

(2) A chief juvenile officer from a single-county judicial circuit appointed by the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association;

(3) A chief juvenile officer from a multicounty judicial circuit appointed by the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association;

(4) A superintendent of a Missouri juvenile detention center appointed by the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association;

(5) The Missouri office of state courts administrator, or his or her designee;

(6) The director of the division of youth services within the department of social services;

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 (7) The commissioner of education, or his or her designee, within the department
18 of elementary and secondary education;
- 19 (8) The president, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Police Chiefs' Association;
- 20 (9) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Sheriffs'
21 Association;
- 22 (10) The director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri state public defender;
- 23 (11) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri school board
24 association;
- 25 (12) A juvenile or family court judge appointed by the Missouri supreme court;
- 26 (13) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Metropolitan
27 Congregations United;
- 28 (14) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Association of
29 Counties;
- 30 (15) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Juvenile Justice
31 Association;
- 32 (16) A member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, appointed by the director
33 of the department of public safety; and
- 34 (17) The director of the department of public safety, or his or her designee.
- 35 2. The joint task force shall review current juvenile court jurisdiction as it pertains
36 to status and delinquency offenses and develop a plan for full implementation of raising
37 the age of juvenile court jurisdiction to seventeen years of age. The implementation plan
38 shall include:
- 39 (1) An analysis of the impact raising the age of juvenile court jurisdiction will have
40 on state and county budgets as well as identify resource issues and cost mitigation
41 strategies;
- 42 (2) An appropriate fiscal note that is based on the analysis under subdivision (1)
43 of this subsection;
- 44 (3) An allocation of funds deposited into the juvenile justice preservation fund
45 established under section 211.435, as well as recommendations on how the funds may be
46 used;
- 47 (4) An analysis of projected cases relating to subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of
48 section 211.031, and an examination of best practices and alternatives for status offenders
49 seventeen years of age;
- 50 (5) An examination of alternative strategies, such as civil citations or other
51 diversion processes; and

52 **(6) Addressing additional statutory implications of raising the age of juvenile court**
53 **jurisdiction to include the following:**

- 54 **(a) Compulsory school attendance;**
55 **(b) Age of commitment to the division of youth services;**
56 **(c) Certification;**
57 **(d) Dual jurisdiction; and**
58 **(e) Refining definitions.**

59 **3. The joint task force shall meet within thirty days after its creation and select a**
60 **chair and vice chair. A majority of the joint task force shall constitute a quorum, but the**
61 **concurrence of a majority of the members shall be required for the determination of any**
62 **matter within the joint task force's duties.**

63 **4. The joint task force shall meet at least quarterly and at locations other than**
64 **Jefferson City if the joint task force deems it necessary.**

65 **5. The joint task force shall be staffed by legislative personnel as is deemed**
66 **necessary to assist the joint task force in the performance of its duties.**

67 **6. The members of the joint task force shall serve without compensation but shall**
68 **be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the**
69 **performance of their official duties.**

70 **7. It shall be the duty of the joint task force to compile a full report of its activities**
71 **for submission to the general assembly by January 15, 2021. Copies of the report**
72 **containing such recommendations shall be sent to the appropriate directors of state or local**
73 **government agencies or departments included in the report.**

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