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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to programs administered by the department of economic development.

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

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 620.3200, to read as follows:

620.3200. 1. There is hereby created a task force, to be known as the "Missouri Task Force on Workforce Competitiveness", which shall consist of the chairperson of the jobs, economic development, and local government committee of the Missouri senate, a member of the jobs, economic development, and local government committee of the Missouri senate appointed by the minority leader of the Missouri senate, the chairperson of the economic development and business attraction and retention committee of the Missouri house of representatives, a member of the economic development and business attraction and retention committee of the Missouri house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the Missouri house of representatives, the director of the department of economic development or his or her designee, and two members to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

2. The duties of the task force shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Identifying the necessary components to produce an effective and responsive statewide workforce development system that is customer-service driven and responsive to the needs of employers and

20 job seekers;

21 (2) Defining the state of "Missouri's workforce vision"; the type
22 of system desired by the business community and job seekers; the
23 system qualities that are valued; and the outcomes to be achieved;

24 (3) Assessing the competitive environment, including relevant
25 state and national economic, employment, occupational and educational
26 trends and the overall quality of the Missouri workforce;

27 (4) Developing and understanding the current system, including
28 its efficiency and effectiveness, its strengths and weaknesses and
29 opportunities for improvement;

30 (5) Researching the best practices of workforce development
31 systems in other states;

32 (6) Developing an understanding and assessment of the statewide
33 capacity of workforce development services, including programs
34 offered, administrative funds, training funds, and administrative and
35 government structures;

36 (7) Recommending strategies to achieve the Missouri workforce
37 vision by creating an organizational structure and system of funding
38 that includes one point of contact to better enable employers and
39 workers to gain easy access to workforce training, prioritizing demand
40 driven workforce needs and resources in support of economic
41 development efforts of the state, establishing appropriate
42 accountability measures, and including secondary and post-secondary
43 education efforts into a cohesive talent pipeline that meets the needs
44 of industry in Missouri.

45 3. The task force may hold hearings as it deems advisable and
46 may obtain any input or information necessary to fulfill its
47 obligations. The committee may make reasonable requests for staff
48 assistance from the research and appropriations staffs of the house and
49 senate and the committee on legislative research, as well as the
50 department of economic development.

51 4. The task force shall prepare a final report, together with its
52 recommendations for any legislative action deemed necessary, for the
53 submission to the general assembly by December 31, 2017, at which

54 **time the task force shall be dissolved.**

55 **5. Members of the committee shall receive no compensation but**
56 **may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses associated**
57 **with the performance of their official duties.**

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