

SENATE BILL NO. 1215

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHUPP.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 565, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a cyber crimes task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 565, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 565.258, to read as follows:

565.258. 1. There is hereby created the "Stop Cyberstalking and Harassment Task Force" to consist 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; 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;

(2) The director of the department of public safety or his or her designee;

(3) A representative of the Missouri highway patrol appointed by the governor;

(4) A representative of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys appointed by the governor;

18 (5) One or more law enforcement officers with
19 experience relating to cyberstalking and harassment
20 appointed by the governor;

21 (6) One or more representatives from a regional cyber
22 crime task force appointed by the governor;

23 (7) A person with experience in training law
24 enforcement on issues of cyberstalking or harassment
25 appointed by the governor;

26 (8) A representative of a statewide coalition against
27 domestic and sexual violence appointed by the governor;

28 (9) A representative of the Missouri safe at home
29 program appointed by the governor;

30 (10) A representative of the office of state courts
31 administrator appointed by the governor;

32 (11) A mental health service provider with experience
33 serving victims or perpetrators of crime appointed by the
34 governor.

35 2. The task force shall collect feedback from
36 stakeholders, which may include but shall not be limited to
37 victims, law enforcement, victim advocates, and digital
38 evidence and forensics experts, to inform development of
39 best practices regarding:

40 (1) The treatment of victims of cyberstalking or
41 harassment; and

42 (2) Actions to stop cyberstalking and harassment when
43 it occurs.

44 3. The task force shall study and make
45 recommendations, including but not limited to:

46 (1) Whether a need exists for further training for law
47 enforcement relating to cyberstalking and harassment, and if
48 such a need does exist, recommendations on how to best fill
49 the need, whether legislatively or otherwise;

50 (2) Whether a need exists for increased coordination
51 among police departments to address instances of
52 cyberstalking or harassment, and if such a need does exist,
53 recommendations on how to best fill the need, whether
54 legislatively or otherwise;

55 (3) Resources and tools law enforcement may need to
56 identify patterns and collect evidence in cases of
57 cyberstalking or harassment;

58 (4) Whether a need exists for strengthening the rights
59 afforded to victims of cyberstalking or harassment in
60 Missouri law, and if such a need does exist, recommendations
61 on how to best fill the need;

62 (5) Resources for victims and the public to protect
63 themselves from cyberstalking and harassment;

64 (6) Whether a need exists for increased victim
65 services and training for victim advocates relating to
66 cyberstalking and harassment, and if such a need does exist,
67 recommendations on how to best fill the need, whether
68 legislatively or otherwise.

69 4. The department of public safety shall provide
70 administrative support to the task force.

71 5. On or before December 31, 2023, the task force
72 shall submit a report on its findings to the governor and
73 the general assembly.

74 6. The task force shall expire on December 31, 2023.

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