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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WALLINGFORD.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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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
2 section, to be known as section 211.550, to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (7) The commissioner of education, or his or her designee, within
21 the department of elementary and secondary education;

22 (8) The president, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Police
23 Chiefs' Association;

24 (9) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri
25 Sheriffs' Association;

26 (10) The director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri state
27 public defender;

28 (11) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the
29 Missouri school board association;

30 (12) A juvenile or family court judge appointed by the Missouri
31 supreme court;

32 (13) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the
33 Metropolitan Congregations United;

34 (14) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the
35 Missouri Association of Counties;

36 (15) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the
37 Missouri Juvenile Justice Association;

38 (16) A member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, appointed
39 by the director of the department of public safety; and

40 (17) The director of the department of public safety, or his or her
41 designee.

42 2. The joint task force shall review current juvenile court
43 jurisdiction as it pertains to status and delinquency offenses and
44 develop a plan for full implementation of raising the age of juvenile
45 court jurisdiction to seventeen years of age. The implementation plan
46 shall include:

47 (1) An analysis of the impact raising the age of juvenile court
48 jurisdiction will have on state and county budgets as well as identify
49 resource issues and cost mitigation strategies;

50 (2) An appropriate fiscal note that is based on the analysis under
51 subdivision (1) of this subsection;

52 (3) An allocation of funds deposited into the juvenile justice
53 preservation fund established under section 211.435, as well as
54 recommendations on how the funds may be used;

55 (4) An analysis of projected cases relating to subdivision (2) of
56 subsection 1 of section 211.031, and an examination of best practices
57 and alternatives for status offenders seventeen years of age;

58 (5) An examination of alternative strategies, such as civil

59 citations or other diversion processes; and

60 (6) Addressing additional statutory implications of raising the
61 age of juvenile court jurisdiction to include the following:

62 (a) Compulsory school attendance;

63 (b) Age of commitment to the division of youth services;

64 (c) Certification;

65 (d) Dual jurisdiction; and

66 (e) Refining definitions.

67 3. The joint task force shall meet within thirty days after its
68 creation and select a chair and vice chair. A majority of the joint task
69 force shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of
70 the members shall be required for the determination of any matter
71 within the joint task force's duties.

72 4. The joint task force shall meet at least quarterly and at
73 locations other than Jefferson City if the joint task force deems it
74 necessary.

75 5. The joint task force shall be staffed by office of state courts
76 administrator personnel as is deemed necessary to assist the joint task
77 force in the performance of its duties.

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

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

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