

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2355

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LANT.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 211, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the juvenile justice advisory board.

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*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 211.355, to read as follows:

- 211.355. 1. There is hereby created within the office of state courts administrator the “Missouri State Juvenile Justice Advisory Board”, which shall provide consultation and recommendations regarding ongoing best practices within the juvenile court system and juvenile officer standards. The board shall consist of the following members:**
- (1) The director of the children’s division or the director’s designee;**
  - (2) The director of the division of youth services or the director’s designee;**
  - (3) A judge of the juvenile or family court as appointed by the supreme court of Missouri;**
  - (4) The director of the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association or the director’s designee;**
  - (5) The executive director of the Missouri Court Appointed Special Advocate Association or the director’s designee;**
  - (6) A juvenile officer as appointed by the Missouri Juvenile Justice Association;**
  - (7) The director of the office of child advocate or the director’s designee;**
  - (8) A foster parent appointed by the Missouri State Foster Care and Adoption Board;**
  - (9) The director of the public defender’s office or the director’s designee;**

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.

- 18           **(10) One parents' attorney appointed by the Missouri Bar Association;**
- 19           **(11) One guardian ad litem appointed by the Missouri Bar Association;**
- 20           **(12) A representative from a child advocacy center to be appointed by the Missouri**
- 21 **Network of Child Advocacy Centers;**
- 22           **(13) A prosecuting attorney appointed by the Missouri Association of Prosecuting**
- 23 **Attorneys;**
- 24           **(14) A law enforcement representative as designated by the Missouri Sheriffs'**
- 25 **Association; and**
- 26           **(15) A law enforcement representative as designated by the Missouri Police Chiefs**
- 27 **Association.**
- 28           **2. All members of the board shall serve for a term of at least four years. Members**
- 29 **may be reappointed to the board by their entities for consecutive terms. All vacancies on**
- 30 **the board shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner in which**
- 31 **the board membership which is vacant was originally filled. Members of the board shall**
- 32 **serve without compensation.**
- 33           **3. The board shall elect officers from the membership consisting of a chairperson**
- 34 **and secretary.**
- 35           **4. The board shall meet a minimum of four times per calendar year.**
- 36           **5. The board shall provide to the office of state courts administrator, the office of**
- 37 **child advocate, and the joint committee on child abuse and neglect a written annual report**
- 38 **of recommendations and activities conducted and made.**

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