

HB 2355 -- JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD (Lant)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings

This bill creates within the office of State Courts Administrator the Missouri State Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, which must provide consultation and recommendations regarding ongoing best practices within the juvenile court system and juvenile officer standards. The bill specifies the required membership of the board.

Board members must serve for a term of at least four years and may be reappointed to the board by their entities for consecutive terms. All vacancies on the board must be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner in which the vacant membership was originally filled. Members of the board must serve without compensation and the board must elect officers from the membership consisting of a chairperson and secretary.

The board is required to meet a minimum of four times per calendar year and must provide to the Office of State Courts Administrator, the Office of Child Advocate, and the Joint Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect a written annual report of recommendations and activities.