

# HOUSE BILL NO. 973

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKS JR..

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 558, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the prison to prosperity task force, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 558, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 558.049, to read as follows:

- 558.049. 1. There is hereby created a "Task Force on Prison to Prosperity". The primary duty of the task force is to develop a statewide plan for prison to prosperity programs for persons seventeen to twenty-four years of age that addresses the underlying issues that affect persons transitioning from incarceration to being a productive citizen in their local community including, but not limited to, ways to increase job training or employability, crime prevention, and reduce recidivism.**
- 2. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:**
- (1) Increasing the presence of vocational and college education opportunities in jails and prisons;**
  - (2) Addressing mental health and addiction treatment needs of recently released offenders from jail or prison;**
  - (3) Providing twenty-four-hour mentoring;**
  - (4) Incorporating workforce development into reentry programs;**
  - (5) Providing for behavior modification and financial literacy;**
  - (6) Increasing job programs and job training; and**
  - (7) Recommendations for further expungement of juvenile records.**

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.

17           **3. The committee shall consist of the following members, with the speaker of the**  
18 **house of representative appointing a chairperson and vice chairperson:**

19           **(1) The director of the department of corrections;**

20           **(2) The director of the division of probation and parole;**

21           **(3) The director of the department of social services;**

22           **(4) The director of the children's division of the department of social services;**

23           **(5) The director of the division of youth services of the department of social**  
24 **services;**

25           **(6) The director of the department of health and senior services;**

26           **(7) Two chief juvenile officers from two different urban areas and two chief**  
27 **juvenile officers from two different rural areas who shall be appointed by the president of**  
28 **the Missouri juvenile justice association;**

29           **(8) One circuit or associate circuit judge from a circuit which has a drug court who**  
30 **shall be appointed by the chief justice of the Missouri supreme court;**

31           **(9) One member of the department of economic development's workforce**  
32 **development office who shall be appointed by the director of the department of economic**  
33 **development;**

34           **(10) One member shall be affiliated with a community college or a vocational or**  
35 **technical school who shall be appointed by the governor;**

36           **(11) Three chief executive officers of three different private businesses that employ**  
37 **a minimum of twenty employees each who shall be appointed by the governor;**

38           **(12) The young adult division manager of the St. Louis Agency on Training and**  
39 **Employment; and**

40           **(13) The young adult division manager of Full Employment Council, Inc.**

41           **4. All persons appointed to the task force shall be appointed within thirty days of**  
42 **the effective date of this section.**

43           **5. Members of the task force shall meet at least quarterly and submit its**  
44 **recommendations for a statewide plan for a prison to prosperity program or programs to**  
45 **the general assembly by December 31, 2018.**

46           **6. Members of the task force shall receive no additional compensation but shall be**  
47 **eligible for reimbursement for expenses directly related to the performance of task force**  
48 **duties.**

49           **7. The provisions of this section terminate May 31, 2019.**

          Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure that persons have access to  
2 employment and education opportunities to become productive citizens in their community upon  
3 release from incarceration, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate

4 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an  
5 emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full  
6 force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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