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AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the 21st-century Missouri education task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.245, to read as follows:

161.245. 1. There is hereby established the "21st-Century Missouri Education Task Force".

2. The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) Three members of the house of representatives, with two members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, at least one of whom is a member of the joint committee on education, and one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

(2) Three members of the senate, with two members to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, at least one of whom is a member of the joint committee on education, and one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(3) The governor or the governor's designee;

(4) The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee;

(5) The commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee; and

(6) Ten members who represent the interests of each of the following groups, to be appointed by the governor:

(a) The Missouri workforce development board;

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 **(b) Charter schools;**
19 **(c) Community colleges;**
20 **(d) Private colleges or universities;**
21 **(e) Children with disabilities, including children with autism spectrum disorders;**
22 **(f) After-school programs;**
23 **(g) Teachers;**
24 **(h) The business community in this state;**
25 **(i) The parents as teachers program established under sections 178.691 to 178.699;**
26 **and**
27 **(j) Home-schooled students.**
- 28 **3. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate the chair of the task**
29 **force, and the president pro tempore of the senate shall designate the vice chair of the task**
30 **force.**
- 31 **4. Staff members of house research, house drafting, senate research, and the joint**
32 **committee on legislative research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical, and**
33 **bill drafting services as the task force may require in the performance of its duties.**
- 34 **5. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but the members**
35 **and any staff assigned to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and**
36 **necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any subcommittee**
37 **thereof. All task force members shall be subject to the same conflict of interest provisions**
38 **in chapter 105 that are enforced by the Missouri ethics commission in the same manner**
39 **that elected or appointed officials and employees are subject to such provisions.**
- 40 **6. The task force shall hold its first meeting within two months from the effective**
41 **date of this section.**
- 42 **7. The mission of the task force shall be to:**
- 43 **(1) Evaluate the condition of the state's public education system, including the**
44 **standardized testing system;**
- 45 **(2) Study successful educational models in order to identify highly effective**
46 **teaching strategies;**
- 47 **(3) Evaluate the state's certificate programs and workforce development efforts,**
48 **including any efforts to use knowledge models to help guide students into certain**
49 **employment areas from young ages so that they are able to advance in rewarding careers;**
- 50 **(4) Evaluate current funding for elementary and secondary education and higher**
51 **education in Missouri;**

52 **(5) Evaluate whether current education funding in Missouri is sufficient to not only**
53 **maintain the public education system in its current state but also to ensure that it serves**
54 **the educational needs of Missouri's citizens moving forward into the twenty-first century;**

55 **(6) Make recommendations regarding the condition of the state's public education**
56 **system;**

57 **(7) Make recommendations regarding funding of education and workforce**
58 **development efforts; and**

59 **(8) Make recommendations regarding the use of technology and artificial**
60 **intelligence to improve student outcomes and to inform future educational needs in relation**
61 **to workforce development in order to maximize the impact of the Missouri public**
62 **education system in regards to future employment opportunities including, but not limited**
63 **to, manufacturing, trades, STEM fields, and agriculture.**

64 **8. The task force shall report a summary of its activities and any recommendations**
65 **for legislation to the general assembly before August 28, 2022.**

66 **9. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on January 1, 2023. At such time,**
67 **all members of the task force shall be relieved of their positions on the task force.**

68 **(2) The task force shall resume its operations on January 1, 2024, with a new set**
69 **of members to be selected according to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section. The**
70 **new chair and the new vice chair of the task force shall be designated according to the**
71 **provisions of subsection 3 of this section.**

72 **(3) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall continue to receive**
73 **services according to the provisions of subsection 4 of this section and shall continue to be**
74 **subject to all provisions of subsection 5 of this section.**

75 **(4) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall review all summaries and**
76 **recommendations previously made under subsection 8 of this section and shall continue to**
77 **carry out the mission described in subsection 7 of this section.**

78 **(5) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall report an updated**
79 **summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the general assembly**
80 **before August 28, 2024.**

81 **(6) After providing a report to the general assembly as required under subdivision**
82 **(5) of this subsection, the task force shall continue to meet every two years periodically**
83 **until this section expires. The task force shall provide additional updated summaries of**
84 **its activities and additional recommendations for legislation to the general assembly, at**
85 **such times as the task force deems necessary, until the task force is terminated.**

86 **10. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

87 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**
88 **automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized**
89 **by an act of the general assembly;**

90 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
91 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this**
92 **section; and**

93 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately**
94 **following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset.**

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