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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1160

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the twenty-first-century Missouri broadband deployment task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 620.2470, to read as follows:

**620.2470. 1. There is hereby created the "21st-Century Missouri Broadband Deployment Task Force".**

**2. The members of the task force shall be as follows:**

**(1) Three members of the house of representatives, with two members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;**

**(2) Three members of the senate, with two members appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;**

**(3) The director of broadband development;**

**(4) One member from the association of Missouri electric cooperatives;**

**(5) One member from the Missouri Telecom Association;**

**(6) One member from the Missouri Public Utility Alliance;**

**(7) One member from the Missouri Association of Counties;**

**(8) One member from the University of Missouri Extension;**

**(9) One member from the Missouri Municipal League;**

**(10) One member from the Missouri Hospital Association;**

**(11) One member from the department of elementary and secondary education;**

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           **(12) One member from the department of mental health;**  
19           **(13) One member from the cable industry;**  
20           **(14) One member from the fixed wireless industry;**  
21           **(15) One member each from the Missouri Soybean Association, Missouri Pork**  
22 **Producers Association, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Missouri Cattlemen's**  
23 **Association, and an additional statewide agricultural organization; and**  
24           **(16) One member from the telehealth industry.**
- 25           **3. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate the chair of the task**  
26 **force, and the president pro tempore of the senate shall designate the vice chair of the task**  
27 **force.**
- 28           **4. Staff offices including, but not limited to, house research, house drafting, senate**  
29 **research, and the joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal, research,**  
30 **clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the**  
31 **performance of its duties.**
- 32           **5. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but the members**  
33 **and any staff assigned to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and**  
34 **necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any subcommittee**  
35 **thereof. All task force members shall be subject to the same conflict-of-interest provisions**  
36 **in chapter 105 that are enforced by the Missouri ethics commission in the same manner**  
37 **that elected or appointed officials and employees are subject to such provisions.**
- 38           **6. The task force shall hold its first meeting within two months from the effective**  
39 **date of this section.**
- 40           **7. The duties of the task force shall be to:**
- 41           **(1) Evaluate the status of broadband deployment in Missouri;**  
42           **(2) Evaluate the deployment process; and**  
43           **(3) Make recommendations about how to best increase broadband internet**  
44 **deployment across the state to unserved and underserved residents.**
- 45           **8. The task force shall report a summary of its activities and recommendations to**  
46 **the general assembly before September 30, 2022.**
- 47           **9. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on September 30, 2022. At such**  
48 **time, all members of the task force shall be relieved of their positions on the task force.**  
49           **(2) The task force shall resume its operations on September 30, 2023, with a new**  
50 **set of members to be selected according to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.**  
51 **The new chair and the new vice chair of the task force shall be designated according to the**  
52 **provisions of subsection 3 of this section.**

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

56           (4) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall review all summaries and  
57 recommendations previously made under subsection 8 of this section and shall continue to  
58 carry out the duties described in subsection 7 of this section.

59           (5) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall report an updated  
60 summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the general assembly  
61 before September 30, 2024.

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

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

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

71           (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section  
72 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this  
73 section; and

74           (3) This section shall terminate on September thirtieth of the calendar year  
75 immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this  
76 section is sunset.

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