

SENATE BILL NO. 660

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MCCREERY.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 565, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a cyber crimes task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 565, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 565.258, to read as follows:

565.258. 1. There is hereby created the "Stop Cyberstalking and Harassment Task Force" to consist of the following members:

(1) The following four members of the general assembly:

(a) Two members of the senate, with one member to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one member to be appointed by the minority floor leader; and

(b) Two members of the house of representatives, with one member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one member to be appointed by the minority floor leader;

(2) The director of the department of public safety or his or her designee;

(3) A representative of the Missouri highway patrol appointed by the superintendent of the Missouri highway patrol;

17 (4) A representative of the Missouri Association of
18 Prosecuting Attorneys appointed by the president of the
19 Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys;

20 (5) One or more law enforcement officers with
21 experience relating to cyberstalking and harassment
22 appointed by the governor;

23 (6) One or more representatives from a regional cyber
24 crime task force appointed by the governor;

25 (7) A person with experience in training law
26 enforcement on issues of cyberstalking or harassment
27 appointed by the governor;

28 (8) A representative of a statewide coalition against
29 domestic and sexual violence appointed by the governor;

30 (9) A representative of the Missouri safe at home
31 program appointed by the secretary of state;

32 (10) A representative of the office of state courts
33 administrator appointed by the state courts administrator or
34 his or her designee;

35 (11) A mental health service provider with experience
36 serving victims or perpetrators of crime appointed by the
37 director of the department of mental health;

38 (12) One representative from elementary and secondary
39 education services with experience educating people about
40 cyberstalking and harassment appointed by the director of
41 the department of elementary and secondary education;

42 (13) One representative from higher education services
43 with experience educating people about cyberstalking and
44 harassment appointed by the director of higher education and
45 workforce development; and

46 (14) One representative with experience in
47 cybersecurity and technology appointed by the director of
48 the office of administration.

49 2. The task force shall appoint a chairperson who is
50 elected by a majority vote of the members of the task
51 force. The task force shall have an initial meeting before
52 October 1, 2023. The members of the task force shall serve
53 without compensation, but shall be entitled to necessary and
54 actual expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task
55 force.

56 3. The task force shall collect feedback from
57 stakeholders, which may include, but shall not be limited
58 to, victims, law enforcement, victim advocates, and digital
59 evidence and forensics experts, to inform development of
60 best practices regarding:

61 (1) The treatment of victims of cyberstalking or
62 harassment; and

63 (2) Actions to stop cyberstalking and harassment when
64 it occurs.

65 4. The task force shall study and make
66 recommendations, including, but not limited to:

67 (1) Whether a need exists for further training for law
68 enforcement relating to cyberstalking and harassment, and if
69 such a need does exist, recommendations on how to best fill
70 the need, whether legislatively or otherwise;

71 (2) Whether a need exists for increased coordination
72 among police departments to address instances of
73 cyberstalking or harassment, and if such a need does exist,
74 recommendations on how to best fill the need, whether
75 legislatively or otherwise;

76 (3) Resources and tools law enforcement may need to
77 identify patterns and collect evidence in cases of
78 cyberstalking or harassment;

79 (4) Whether a need exists for strengthening the rights
80 afforded to victims of cyberstalking or harassment in

81 Missouri law, and if such a need does exist, recommendations
82 on how to best fill the need;

83 (5) Educational and any other resources deemed
84 necessary by the taskforce to educate and inform victims and
85 the public on ways to protect themselves from cyberstalking
86 and harassment;

87 (6) Whether a need exists for increased victim
88 services and training for victim advocates relating to
89 cyberstalking and harassment, and if such a need does exist,
90 recommendations on how to best fill the need, whether
91 legislatively or otherwise.

92 5. The department of public safety shall provide
93 administrative support to the task force.

94 6. On or before December thirty-first of each year,
95 the task force shall submit a report on its findings to the
96 governor and the general assembly.

97 7. The task force shall expire on December 31, 2025,
98 unless extended until December 31, 2027, as determined
99 necessary by the department of public safety.

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