

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered by _____ of _____

Amend SS/SCS/Senate Bill Nos. 52 & 44, Page 65, Section 590.208, Line 30,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "595.325. 1. There is hereby created the "Missing and
 4 Murdered African American Women and Girls Task Force" to
 5 consist of the following members:

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

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

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

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

17 (3) Two representatives appointed by the director of
 18 the department of public safety from among the following:

19 (a) A member from the Missouri Police Chiefs
 20 Association;

21 (b) A member from the Missouri Sheriffs Association; or

22 (c) The superintendent of the Missouri highway patrol
 23 or his or her designee;

24 (4) One or more representatives appointed by the
 25 director of public safety from among the following:

26 (a) The attorney general or his or her designee;

27 (b) The director of the Missouri office of prosecution
28 services;

29 (c) The president of the Missouri prosecutors
30 association;

31 (d) A judge or attorney working in a juvenile court; or

32 (e) An attorney working in the United States
33 Attorney's Office;

34 (5) A county coroner or a representative from a
35 statewide coroner's association;

36 (6) Three or more representatives appointed by the
37 director of public safety from among the following:

38 (a) A statewide or local organization that provides
39 legal services to African American women and girls;

40 (b) A statewide or local organization that provides
41 advocacy or counseling for African American women and girls
42 who have been victims of violence;

43 (c) A statewide or local organization that provides
44 services to African American women and girls; or

45 (d) An African American woman who is a survivor of
46 gender violence.

47 2. The task force shall appoint a chairperson who is
48 elected by a majority vote of the members of the task
49 force. The task force shall have an initial meeting before
50 October 1, 2025. The members of the task force shall serve
51 without compensation, but shall be entitled to necessary and
52 actual expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task
53 force.

54 3. The task force shall examine and report on the
55 following:

56 (1) The systemic causes behind violence that African
57 American women and girls experience, including patterns and
58 underlying factors that explain why disproportionately high
59 levels of violence occur against African American women and

60 girls, including underlying historical, social, economic,
61 institutional, and cultural factors that may contribute to
62 the violence;

63 (2) Appropriate methods for tracking and collecting
64 data on violence against African American women and girls,
65 including data on missing and murdered African American
66 women and girls;

67 (3) Policies and institutions such as policing, child
68 welfare, coroner practices, and other governmental practices
69 that impact violence against African American women and
70 girls and the investigation and prosecution of crimes of
71 gender violence against African American women and girls;

72 (4) Measures necessary to address and reduce violence
73 against African American women and girls; and

74 (5) Measures to help victims, victims' families, and
75 victims' communities prevent and heal from violence that
76 occurs against African American women and girls.

77 4. The department of public safety shall provide
78 administrative support to the task force.

79 5. On or before December thirty-first of each year,
80 the task force shall submit a report on its findings to the
81 governor and the general assembly.

82 6. The task force shall expire on December 31, 2027,
83 unless extended until December 31, 2029, as determined
84 necessary by the department of public safety."; and

85 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.