

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, gun violence has become a critical issue impacting the safety, well-being, and economic vitality of St. Louis, with far-reaching effects across Missouri; and

Whereas, addressing gun violence is essential to fostering safe communities, supporting economic development, and improving the quality of life for all Missourians; and

Whereas, understanding the root causes of gun violence, including social, economic, and mental health factors, is necessary for creating effective, data-driven solutions; and

Whereas, collaboration among community organizations, law enforcement, and local government is key to implementing sustainable strategies for reducing gun violence; and

Whereas, proactive measures such as community-based programs, mental health support, stricter gun control policies, and economic opportunities are essential for preventing and addressing gun violence:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, One Hundred Third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the creation of a Citizens' Task Force on St. Louis Gun Violence Research, Prevention, and Intervention; and

Be It Further Resolved that the mission of the task force be to research, analyze, and develop actionable recommendations to address gun violence in St. Louis, comparing these findings with statewide trends and proposing solutions for the General Assembly; and

Be It Further Resolved that the task force deliver a comprehensive report addressing:

- (1) The root causes and contributing factors to gun violence in St. Louis;
- (2) Effective community-based youth programs to prevent involvement in violent crime;
- (3) Strategies to strengthen community policing and trust-building between law enforcement and residents;
- (4) The implementation and effectiveness of gun buyback programs;
- (5) The role of mental health support services in preventing gun violence and supporting affected communities;
- (6) Legislative proposals for stricter gun control measures at local and state levels;
- (7) Public awareness campaigns to promote responsible gun ownership and violence prevention;
- (8) Funding and support for violence interruption programs that mediate conflicts;
- (9) Economic development initiatives, including job training and placement programs, to reduce criminal activity;
- (10) Enhanced data collection and transparency to inform policy decisions;
- (11) Collaborative efforts between community groups, law enforcement, and government to address gun violence holistically; and

Be It Further Resolved that the task force consist of the following members:

- (1) All Educators for Gun Safety Student Ambassadors to serve as members of the task force;
- (2) Rosa Rojas to serve as a law enforcement representative on the task force;
- (3) Maquis Haynes to serve as a law enforcement representative on the task force;

(4) Officer Raymond Collins to serve as a law enforcement representative on the task force;

(5) Farrakhan Shegog, a community member, to serve as a member of the task force;

(6) Shameem Hubbard, representing the Board of Alderman, to serve as a member of the task force;

(7) Kenan Morrison, representing The Village, to serve as a member of the task force;

(8) Estelle Phillips, a community member, to serve as a member of the task force;

(9) Kahdijah Hogans, a community member, to serve as a member of the task force;

(10) Tiara Beck, a community member, to serve as a member of the task force;

(11) Dr. Carter-Oliver, Confluence Academies, to serve as a school administrator on the task force;

(12) Mr. Carl Bland, a teacher representative, to serve as a member of the task force;

(13) Mr. Arnez Newton, a middle school principal, to serve as a member of the task force;

(14) Dr. Casey Shahid, CVPA, to serve as a school administrator on the task force;

(15) Ms. Darilyn Wren, a middle school teacher, to serve as a member of the task force; and

Be It Further Resolved that the task force call an organizational meeting within fifteen days of the adoption of this resolution; and

Be It Further Resolved that the task force terminate by either a majority of members voting for termination or by December 31, 2025, whichever occurs first; and

Be It Further Resolved that on the date of termination, the task force may deliver a report of findings and

recommendations to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives for distribution to the members of the General Assembly.