

HOUSE BILL NO. 1294

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTZ.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 650, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a task force on gun violence.

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

Section A. Chapter 650, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 650.935, to read as follows:

650.935. 1. There is hereby created the "Task Force on Gun Violence in the City of St. Louis" 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 of the senate; 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 of the house of representatives;

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

(3) Eight members from the City of St. Louis community to be appointed by the director of public safety, as follows:

(a) A member from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department;

(b) A member who is a school administrator;

(c) A member who is a high school teacher;

(d) A member who is a middle school teacher;

(e) A member who is a parent of a school-age child;

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 (f) A member is a student who represents the Gun Safety Student Ambassadors;
19 and

20 (g) Two members who represent the St. Louis City community at large.

21 2. The task force shall appoint a chair who is elected by a majority vote of the
22 members of the task force. The task force shall have an initial meeting before January
23 1, 2026, and shall meet each month thereafter. The members of the task force shall serve
24 without compensation but shall be entitled to necessary and actual expenses incurred in
25 attending meetings of the task force.

26 3. The task force shall establish specialized teams that focus on the following:

27 (1) Gathering and analyzing data comparing the city of St. Louis to the rest of
28 the state, with consideration given to rates of gun violence, demographics, and policies;

29 (2) Utilizing social media, storytelling, and events to raise awareness about gun
30 violence in the city of St. Louis and to evoke community action;

31 (3) Building partnerships within the community and securing support from
32 sponsors, organizations, and community members;

33 (4) Developing solutions and implementing a plan of action to address and
34 reduce gun violence; and

35 (5) Measuring and reflecting on progress within the community.

36 4. The department of public safety shall provide administrative support to the
37 task force.

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

40 6. The task force shall expire on December 31, 2027, unless extended until
41 December 31, 2029, as determined necessary by the department of public safety.

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