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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to education.

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

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 162.1170, to read as follows:

162.1170. 1. There is established a task force on improving urban  
2 education to be comprised of five members of the senate and five  
3 members of the house of representatives. The senate members shall be  
4 appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and the house  
5 members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house. The  
6 appointment of each member shall continue during his or her term of  
7 office as a member of the general assembly or until a successor has  
8 been duly appointed to fill his or her place when his or her term of  
9 office as a member of the general assembly has expired.

10 2. No major party shall be represented on the committee by more  
11 than three members from the senate nor by more than three members  
12 of the house.

13 3. It shall be the duty of the task force to study and analyze the  
14 issues and challenges of the educational system in urban areas of  
15 Missouri. The task force shall analyze issues, including but not limited  
16 to, retaining and recruiting quality educators and administrators,  
17 meeting test score standards as required by law, eliminating chronic  
18 absenteeism, obtaining higher graduation rates, increasing the  
19 percentage of graduating students pursuing higher education, reducing

20 drop out rates, and providing quality job training and continuing  
21 education for educators. The task force shall report its findings and  
22 make recommendations to address these issues to the general assembly  
23 by December 31, 2008.

24 4. The provisions of this section shall expire on January 1, 2009.

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