

SENATE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2355

AN ACT

To amend chapter 211, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the juvenile justice advisory board.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,  
AS FOLLOWS:

1           Section A. Chapter 211, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
2 one new section, to be known as section 211.355, to read as  
3 follows:

4           211.355. 1. There is hereby created within the office of  
5 state courts administrator the "Missouri State Juvenile Justice  
6 Advisory Board", which shall provide consultation and  
7 recommendations regarding ongoing best practices within the  
8 juvenile court system and juvenile officer standards. The board  
9 shall consist of the following members:

10           (1) A judge of a juvenile or family court as appointed by  
11 the supreme court of Missouri;

12           (2) A juvenile officer as appointed by the Missouri  
13 juvenile justice association;

14           (3) A foster parent appointed by the Missouri state foster  
15 care and adoption board;

16           (4) One attorney representing parents' interests appointed  
17 by the Missouri bar association;

18           (5) One guardian ad litem appointed by the Missouri bar

1 association;

2 (6) A representative from a child advocacy center to be  
3 appointed by the Missouri network of child advocacy centers;

4 (7) A prosecuting attorney appointed by the Missouri  
5 association of prosecuting attorneys;

6 (8) A law enforcement representative as designated by the  
7 Missouri sheriffs' association;

8 (9) A law enforcement representative as designated by the  
9 Missouri police chiefs association; and

10 (10) The following shall be ex officio voting members:

11 (a) The director of the children's division or the  
12 director's designee;

13 (b) The director of the division of youth services or the  
14 director's designee;

15 (c) The director of the Missouri juvenile justice  
16 association or the director's designee;

17 (d) The executive director of the Missouri court appointed  
18 special advocate association or the director's designee;

19 (e) The director of the office of child advocate or the  
20 director's designee; and

21 (f) The director of the public defender's office or the  
22 director's designee.

23 2. All appointed members of the board shall serve for a  
24 term of four years. Members may be reappointed to the board by  
25 their entities for consecutive terms. All vacancies on the board  
26 shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same  
27 manner in which the board membership which is vacant was  
28 originally filled. Members of the board shall serve without

1 compensation.

2 3. The board shall elect officers from the membership  
3 consisting of a chairperson and secretary.

4 4. The board shall meet a minimum of four times per  
5 calendar year.

6 5. The board shall provide to the office of state courts  
7 administrator, the office of child advocate, and the joint  
8 committee on child abuse and neglect a written annual report of  
9 recommendations and activities conducted and made.