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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 261, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri food security task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 261, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 261.450, to read as
3 follows:

261.450. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri
2 Food Security Task Force".

3 2. The task force shall be comprised of the following
4 members:

5 (1) Four members of the house of representatives, with
6 two members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
7 representatives and two members to be appointed by the
8 minority floor leader of the house of representatives;

9 (2) Four members of the senate, with two members to be
10 appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and two
11 members to be appointed by the minority floor leader of the
12 senate;

13 (3) The director of the department of agriculture, or
14 the director's designee;

15 (4) The director of the department of economic
16 development, or the director's designee;

17 (5) The director of the department of health and
18 senior services, or the director's designee;

19 (6) The director of the department of social services,
20 or the director's designee;

21 (7) One registered dietitian, appointed by the
22 Missouri Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics;

23 (8) Two representatives from institutions of higher
24 education located in Missouri, with one representative
25 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and
26 one representative appointed by the president pro tempore of
27 the senate; and

28 (9) Eight members, to be appointed by the director of
29 the department of agriculture, as follows:

30 (a) Two representatives from a food bank located in
31 Missouri;

32 (b) One representative of a business specializing in
33 retail or direct food sales;

34 (c) One representative from a community development
35 financial institution with experience in food retail
36 financing;

37 (d) Two local food producers, with one representing an
38 urban area and one representing a rural area; and

39 (e) Two representatives from statewide farmer-led or
40 farmer-based organizations.

41 3. The director of the department of agriculture shall
42 ensure that the membership of the task force reflects the
43 diversity of the state, with members on the task force
44 representing urban and rural areas and various geographic
45 regions of the state.

46 4. The department of agriculture shall provide
47 technical and administrative support as required by the task
48 force to fulfill its duties.

49 5. Members of the task force shall serve without
50 compensation but shall receive reimbursement for actual and

51 necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the
52 task force or any subcommittee thereof.

53 6. The task force shall hold its first meeting within
54 two months after the effective date of this section and
55 organize by selecting a chair and a vice chair.

56 7. The mission of the task force shall be to:

57 (1) Determine the ability of individuals located in
58 urban and rural areas throughout the state to access healthy
59 food and identify populations and areas in which access to
60 food is limited or uncertain;

61 (2) Identify ways in which the state could connect
62 resources and individuals in an effort to ensure food
63 security for all Missourians;

64 (3) Evaluate the impact of tax increment financing
65 projects and restrictive deed covenants imposed by grocery
66 retailers on creating food deserts or prolonging existing
67 food deserts; and

68 (4) Evaluate the potential impacts of online food
69 retail on food insecurity throughout the state.

70 8. The task force shall report a summary of its
71 activities and any recommendations for legislation to the
72 general assembly before August 28, 2022.

73 9. The task force shall be dissolved on January 1,
74 2023.

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