

SENATE BILL NO. 890

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOSLEY.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 595, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a missing and murdered African American Women task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 595, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 595.325, to read as
3 follows:

595.325. 1. There is hereby created the "Missing and
2 Murdered African American Women Task Force" to consist of
3 the following members:

(1) The following four members of the general assembly:

(a) Two members of the senate, with one member to be
6 appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one
7 member to be appointed by the minority floor leader; and

(b) Two members of the house of representatives, with
9 one member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
10 representatives and one member to be appointed by the
11 minority floor leader;

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

(3) Two representatives appointed by the director of
15 the department of public safety from among the following:

(a) A member from the Missouri Police Chiefs
17 Association;

(b) A member from the Missouri Sheriffs Association; or

19 (c) The superintendent of the Missouri highway patrol
20 or his or her designee;

21 (4) One or more representatives appointed by the
22 director of public safety from among the following:

23 (a) The attorney general or his or her designee;

24 (b) The director of the Missouri office of prosecution
25 services;

26 (c) The president of the Missouri prosecutors
27 association;

28 (d) A judge or attorney working in a juvenile court; or

29 (e) An attorney working in the United States
30 Attorney's Office;

31 (5) A county coroner or a representative from a
32 statewide coroner's association;

33 (6) Three or more representatives appointed by the
34 director of public safety from among the following:

35 (a) A statewide or local organization that provides
36 legal services to African American women and girls;

37 (b) A statewide or local organization that provides
38 advocacy or counseling for African American women and girls
39 who have been victims of violence;

40 (c) A statewide or local organization that provides
41 services to African American women and girls; or

42 (d) An African American woman who is a survivor of
43 gender violence.

44 2. The task force shall appoint a chairperson who is
45 elected by a majority vote of the members of the task
46 force. The task force shall have an initial meeting before
47 October 1, 2024. The members of the task force shall serve
48 without compensation, but shall be entitled to necessary and
49 actual expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task
50 force.

51 3. The task force shall examine and report on the
52 following:

53 (1) The systemic causes behind violence that African
54 American women and girls experience, including patterns and
55 underlying factors that explain why disproportionately high
56 levels of violence occur against African American women and
57 girls, including underlying historical, social, economic,
58 institutional, and cultural factors which may contribute to
59 the violence;

60 (2) Appropriate methods for tracking and collecting
61 data on violence against African American women and girls,
62 including data on missing and murdered African American
63 women and girls;

64 (3) Policies and institutions such as policing, child
65 welfare, coroner practices, and other governmental practices
66 that impact violence against African American women and
67 girls and the investigation and prosecution of crimes of
68 gender violence against African American women and girls;

69 (4) Measures necessary to address and reduce violence
70 against African American women and girls; and

71 (5) Measures to help victims, victims' families, and
72 victims' communities prevent and heal from violence that
73 occurs against African American women and girls.

74 4. The department of public safety shall provide
75 administrative support to the task force.

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

79 6. The task force shall expire on December 31, 2026,
80 unless extended until December 31, 2028, as determined
81 necessary by the department of public safety.

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