

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1123

A bill to create a missing children task force in the department of state police and prescribe its powers and duties; to make an appropriation; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "missing children task force act".

3 (2) As used in this act, "task force" means the missing
4 children task force created in this section.

5 Sec. 2. (1) The missing children task force is created
6 within the department of state police.

7 (2) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (a) The director of the department of state police or his or
9 her designee.

10 (b) The director of the family independence agency or his or
11 her designee.

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1 (c) The director of the department of community health or
2 his or her designee.

3 (d) A judge of the family division of circuit court
4 appointed by the governor.

5 (e) The Michigan children's ombudsman or his or her
6 designee.

7 (f) Two members from the general public, appointed by the
8 governor, 1 member having training in child psychology.

9 (g) One member of the senate appointed by the majority
10 leader of the senate.

11 (h) One member of the house of representatives appointed by
12 the speaker of the house of representatives.

13 (i) The executive director of the Michigan association of
14 chiefs of police or his or her designee.

15 (j) The executive director of the Michigan sheriffs' associ-
16 ation or his or her designee.

17 (3) The members of the task force shall be appointed within
18 30 days after the effective date of this act.

19 (4) Members of the task force shall serve for the duration
20 of the task force.

21 (5) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the officer
22 making the original appointment shall make an appointment for the
23 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

24 (6) The officer appointing a member of the task force under
25 subsection (2)(f), (g), or (h) may remove that member of the task
26 force for incompetency, dereliction of duty, malfeasance,
27 misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.

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1 (7) The first meeting of the task force shall be called by
2 the director of the department of state police at which a chair-
3 person shall be elected by a majority vote of the members
4 attending.

5 (8) A majority of the members of the task force constitute a
6 quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the task
7 force. A majority of the members present and serving are
8 required for official action of the task force.

9 (9) The business that the task force may perform shall be
10 conducted at a public meeting of the task force held in compli-
11 ance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to
12 15.275.

13 (10) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of,
14 or retained by the task force in the performance of an official
15 function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA
16 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

17 (11) Members of the task force shall serve without
18 compensation. However, members of the task force appointed under
19 subsection (2)(f) may be reimbursed for their actual and neces-
20 sary expenses incurred, in the performance of their official
21 duties, as members of the task force. The money to pay expenses
22 authorized by this section is appropriated in the discretionary
23 fund in the department of state police.

24 (12) The task force shall do all of the following:

25 (a) Review the primary causes of missing children.

26 (b) Review the prevalence of voluntary disappearance,
27 spousal abduction, and kidnapping of children.

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1 (c) Explore and recommend a strategy to address the
2 information reviewed under subdivision (b).

3 (d) Review data entered into the clearinghouse.

4 (e) Recommend legislation to accomplish both of the
5 following:

6 (i) Improve procedures or programs to reduce the number of
7 incidents of missing children.

8 (ii) Ensure timely and accurate entry of missing children
9 information into the law enforcement information network governed
10 under the LEIN policy council act of 1974, 1974 PA 163, MCL
11 28.211 to 28.216.

12 Sec. 3. The task force shall submit a final report to the
13 senate standing committee on families, mental health, and human
14 services and the house standing committee on human services and
15 children before December 31, 1999.

16 Sec. 4. This act is repealed on December 31, 1999.