

HB 630 -- Missouri Task Force on Prematurity and Infant Mortality

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This bill establishes a 23-member Missouri Task Force on Prematurity and Infant Mortality within the Children's Services Commission to measurably reduce the state's pre-term birth and infant mortality rates by proposing evidence-based legislation, regulation, and public policy changes. Six of the 23 members will be members of the General Assembly with two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one by the Minority Leader of the House, two by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and one by the Minority Leader of the Senate. The task force must meet initially by October 15, 2011, and at least quarterly thereafter. By March 1, 2012, the task force must submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the current state of prematurity in Missouri. Final recommendations including any legislation must be submitted to the Governor and General Assembly by January 15, 2013. A final report evaluating the impact of implementing those recommendations must be submitted by January 15, 2015. The task force must expire January 31, 2015, or upon the submission of a final report, whichever is earlier.