

HB 2118 -- TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

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This bill establishes a Task Force on School Safety Improvement in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education consisting of eleven members, appointed by the Commissioner of Education in the department.

The commissioner or his or her designee must convene the first meeting of the task force for the purpose of establishing the bylaws and electing officers. The task force cannot meet more than four times annually and members may be reimbursed for expenses but must not receive a per diem allowance.

The task force is required to conduct studies on school security features and practices schools and law enforcement officers can take to decrease the likelihood that an event or crisis will occur; actions schools and law enforcement officers can take to eliminate or reduce the loss of life and property damage related to an event or crisis; the establishment of programs within schools to provide instruction in grades 7 - 12 on the criminal justice system and make curriculum recommendations for the programs, including recommendations on specific curriculum designed to educate students about career opportunities in law enforcement; and the practicality and need for the appointment of a director of school safety in St. Louis County.

This bill is similar to HB 621 (2015).