AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the 21st century Missouri patient education task force.

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

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.1160, to read as follows:

191.1160.  1. There is hereby established the "21st Century Missouri Patient Education Task Force".

2. The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) Five members of the house of representatives, with three members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two members to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

(2) Five members of the senate, with three members to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, and two members to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(3) The governor or his or her designee;

(4) The director of the department of health and senior services or his or her designee;

(5) The director of the department of social services or his or her designee;

(6) The director of the department of mental health or his or her designee;

(7) The director of the MO HealthNet division with the department of social services or his or her designee; and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.
(8) Five members who represent the interests of each of the following groups, to be appointed by the governor:

(a) An organization of licensed primary care physicians;
(b) An organization of hospitals;
(c) An organization of health carriers;
(d) A nonprofit organization focused on health; and
(e) A community health program within the state.

3. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate the chair of the task force, and the president pro tempore of the senate shall designate the vice chair of the task force.

4. Staff members of house research, house drafting, senate research, and the joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the performance of its duties.

5. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but the members and any staff assigned to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any subcommittee thereof.

6. The task force shall hold its first meeting within two months from the effective date of this section.

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

(1) Evaluate the condition of the state's patient education system;
(2) Study successful patient education models in order to identify highly effective patient education strategies;
(3) Evaluate funding required for a successful patient education program; and
(4) Make recommendations regarding the state's patient education system.

8. The task force shall report a summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the general assembly before August 28, 2020.