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HOUSE BILL No. 2888

By Representatives Garner, Barnes, Burroughs, Gilbert, Kirk, Loganbill, McClure, Ruff, Showalter, Spangler and Winn

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AN ACT establishing the Kansas task force on workplace safety.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) There is hereby created the Kansas task force on work-place safety. The task force shall consist of 11 members. One member shall be appointed by the speaker of the house. One member shall be appointed by the house minority leader. One member shall be appointed by the president of the senate. One member shall be appointed by the senate minority leader. Three members shall be appointed by the governor. Two members shall be appointed by the Kansas chamber of commerce and industry and two members shall be appointed by the Kansas AFL-CIO. The governor shall designate a chairperson.

- (b) The task force shall gather information and make recommendations to the governor and legislature regarding the following topics:
 - (1) Workplace injuries and deaths in Kansas;
- (2) whether sufficient incentives exist within the workers compensation act to promote workplace safety;
- (3) the propriety of the exclusive remedy provisions of the workers compensation act;
- (4) the national academy of sciences report on protecting youth at work;
 - (5) the reduction of violence in the workplace; and
- (6) whether a permanent council or commission should be established concerning workplace safety issues.
- (c) Task force members shall receive the compensation and expenses specified in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.
- (d) The task force shall make recommendations and a report to the Kansas legislature on how to improve workplace safety in Kansas on or before January 1, 2003.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.