

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5270

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning a nonoperating advisory board reporting to the state patrol.

Sponsors: Senators Roach, Liias and Benton; by request of Washington State Patrol.

Senate Committee on Law & Justice
House Committee on Public Safety

Background: The Missing & Exploited Children Task Force (MECTF) is a multi-agency task force, under the direction of the Washington State Patrol (WSP), focused on identifying, arresting, and convicting those individuals who exploit children. Crimes investigated by MECTF include communication with a minor for immoral purposes; sexual exploitation of a minor; possession of depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct; and dealing in depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

MECTF is available to provide on-site assistance, case management, and training; works closely with federal, state, and local agencies to accomplish its mission; and is available to assist agencies that do not have the resources or training necessary to investigate crimes against children. An advisory board for MECTF was established in 1999. The advisory board advises the Chief of WSP on the management and coordination of the various activities of MECTF.

The Legislature may schedule a program or agency to be terminated under the sunset review process. Alternatively a program can be terminated without a sunset review when it has accomplished its purposes.

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) conducts a review of the program or agency and provides a preliminary report to the Office of Financial Management during the year prior to the termination date. Entities scheduled to sunset must establish performance measures and develop a data collection plan subject to review and comment by JLARC. The Sunset Act establishes factors that must be considered by JLARC when conducting its review of the entity. If an entity is terminated under the sunset review process, it continues its existence until June 30 of the next succeeding year in order to conclude its business.

Summary: The advisory board for MECTF is terminated.

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Votes on Final Passage:

2015 Regular Session

Senate 48 0

2016 Regular Session

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House 97 0

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