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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the joint committee on health, with an emergency clause.

*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  
2 section, to be known as section 191.006, to read as follows:

**191.006. 1. There is established a permanent joint committee of  
2 the general assembly to be known as the "Joint Committee on Health"  
3 which shall be composed of five members of the senate and five  
4 members of the house of representatives. No major party shall be  
5 represented on the committee by more than three members from the  
6 senate nor by more than three members from the house. The speaker  
7 of the house of representatives and the president pro tem of the senate  
8 shall appoint the respective majority members. The minority leader of  
9 the house and the minority leader of the senate shall appoint the  
10 respective minority members. A majority of the members of the  
11 committee shall constitute a quorum. The members annually shall  
12 select one of the members to be the chair and one of the members to be  
13 the vice chair. The members shall receive no additional compensation,  
14 but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred by  
15 them in the performance of their duties. The committee is authorized  
16 to meet and act year round and to employ the necessary personnel  
17 within the limits of appropriations. The staff of the committee on  
18 legislative research, house research, and senate research shall provide  
19 necessary clerical, research, fiscal, and legal services to the committee,  
20 as the committee may request.**

21 **2. The duties of the committee shall include, but not be limited**

22 to:

23 (1) Analyzing and developing policy proposals to reach the goal  
24 of all citizens of the state having affordable healthcare available to  
25 them;

26 (2) Monitoring the design and implementation of any initiatives  
27 proposed by the Medicaid reform commission in the areas of:

28 (a) Wellness, prevention, and responsibility;

29 (b) Health care provider and patient satisfaction;

30 (c) Coordinated care;

31 (d) Technology;

32 (e) Mental health;

33 (f) Long-term care;

34 (g) Pharmacy;

35 (h) Availability of quality care;

36 (i) Eligibility;

37 (3) Analyzing and developing policy proposals to improve the  
38 delivery of healthcare services in Missouri;

39 (4) Monitoring the evolving needs, costs, solutions, and problems  
40 surrounding the area of health care policy;

41 (5) Reporting, as the committee deems fit, to the general  
42 assembly any recommended legislative action;

43 (6) Issuing findings to the departments, commissions, and offices,  
44 when appropriate, of any recommended administrative or procedural  
45 changes.

46 3. All state departments, commissions, and offices responsible for  
47 the administration of health care policies, mental health, and social  
48 services shall cooperate with and assist the committee in the  
49 performance of its duties and shall make available all books, records,  
50 and information requested, except individually identifiable information  
51 regarding a specific patient. The committee may also consult with  
52 public and private universities and academies, public and private  
53 organizations, and private citizens in the performance of its  
54 duties. The committee may contract with public and private entities,  
55 within the limits of appropriation, for analysis and study of current or  
56 proposed changes to health care policy. The committee shall have the  
57 power to subpoena witnesses, take testimony under oath, and compel  
58 the attendance of witnesses, the giving of testimony, and the

59 **production of records.**

Section B. Because of the pending fiscal and health care crisis in  
2 Missouri, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation  
3 of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an  
4 emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act  
5 shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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