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# SENATE BILL NO. 319

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR EIGEL.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 21.851, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the joint committee on disaster preparedness and awareness.

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

Section A. Section 21.851, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 21.851,  
3 to read as follows:

21.851. 1. There is hereby established a **permanent**  
2 joint committee of the general assembly, which shall be  
3 known as the "Joint Committee on Disaster Preparedness and  
4 Awareness" and shall be composed of the following members:

5 (1) Three members of the senate to be appointed by the  
6 president pro tempore of the senate;

7 (2) Two members of the senate to be appointed by the  
8 minority floor leader of the senate;

9 (3) Three members of the house of representatives to  
10 be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

11 (4) Two members of the house of representatives to be  
12 appointed by the minority floor leader of the house of  
13 representatives;

14 (5) The director of the department of public safety,  
15 or his or her designee;

16 (6) The director of the department of agriculture, or  
17 his or her designee; and

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

18           (7) The adjutant general of the state, or his or her  
19     designee.

20           2. A majority of the members of the committee shall  
21     constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of  
22     the members shall be required for the determination of any  
23     matter within the committee's duties.

24           3. The joint committee shall make a continuous study  
25     and investigation into issues relating to disaster  
26     preparedness and awareness including, but not limited to,  
27     the following areas:

28           (1) Natural and manmade disasters;

29           (2) State and local preparedness for floods;

30           (3) State and local preparedness for tornados,  
31     blizzards, and other severe storms;

32           (4) Food and energy resiliency;

33           (5) Cybersecurity;

34           (6) The budget reserve fund established under Article  
35     IV, Section 27(a) of the Missouri Constitution;

36           (7) The protection of vulnerable populations in  
37     intermediate care facilities and skilled nursing facilities  
38     as those terms are defined in section 198.006; and

39           (8) Premises that have been previously contaminated  
40     with radioactive material.

41           4. The joint committee shall compile a full report of  
42     its activities for submission to the general assembly. The  
43     report shall be submitted not later than January first of  
44     even-numbered years and may include any recommendations  
45     which the committee may have for legislative action. The  
46     report may also include an analysis and statement of the  
47     manner in which statutory provisions relating to disaster  
48     preparedness and awareness are being executed.

49           5. The joint committee may employ such personnel as it  
50 deems necessary to carry out the duties imposed by this  
51 section, within the limits of any appropriation for such  
52 purpose.

53           6. The members of the committee shall serve without  
54 compensation, but any actual and necessary expenses incurred  
55 in the performance of the committee's official duties by the  
56 joint committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the  
57 committee shall be paid from the joint contingent fund.

58           7. **[This section shall expire on December 31, 2022]**  
59 **The joint committee shall select a chairperson and vice-**  
60 **chairperson, one of whom shall be a member of the senate and**  
61 **the other a member of the house of representatives, to serve**  
62 **for a two-year term.**

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