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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 208.952, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the joint committee on MO HealthNet.

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

Section A. Section 208.952, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.952, to read as follows:

208.952. 1. There is hereby established [the] a **permanent** "Joint  
2 Committee on MO HealthNet". [The committee shall have as its purpose the  
3 study of the resources needed to continue and improve the MO HealthNet  
4 program over time.] **It shall be the duty of the committee to make a**  
5 **continuing study and analysis of the MO HealthNet program.** The  
6 committee shall consist of ten members:

7 (1) The chair and the ranking minority member of the house committee  
8 on the budget;

9 (2) The chair and the ranking minority member of the senate committee  
10 on appropriations [committee];

11 (3) The chair and the ranking minority member of the house committee  
12 on appropriations for health, mental health, and social services;

13 (4) The chair and the ranking minority member of the **standing** senate  
14 committee [on health and mental health] **assigned to consider MO HealthNet**  
15 **legislation and matters;**

16 (5) A representative chosen by the speaker of the house of representatives;  
17 and

18 (6) A senator chosen by the president pro tem of the senate.

19 No more than three members from each house shall be of the same political party.

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

20           2. A chair of the committee shall be selected by the members of the  
21 committee.

22           3. The committee shall meet [as necessary] **at least three times a year.**  
23 **In the event of three consecutive absences on the part of any member,**  
24 **such member may be removed from the committee.**

25           4. [Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the  
26 committee to hire employees or enter into any employment contracts] **The**  
27 **committee may employ such personnel or enter into such employment**  
28 **contracts as it deems necessary to carry out the duties imposed by this**  
29 **section, within the limits of any appropriation for such purpose. The**  
30 **compensation of such personnel and the expenses of the committee**  
31 **shall be paid from the joint contingent fund or jointly from the senate**  
32 **and house contingent funds until an appropriation is made therefor.**

33           5. [The committee shall receive and study the five-year rolling MO  
34 HealthNet budget forecast issued annually by the legislative budget office.

35           6.] The committee shall **annually conduct a rolling five-year MO**  
36 **HealthNet forecast and** make recommendations in a report to the general  
37 assembly by January first each year, beginning in [2008] **2016**, on anticipated  
38 growth in the MO HealthNet program, needed improvements, anticipated needed  
39 appropriations, and suggested strategies on ways to structure the state budget  
40 in order to satisfy the future needs of the program.

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