

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri is currently facing unique rural and urban primary care workforce issues, including a significant imbalance between the primary care and specialty care workforce in our urban areas and a shortage of traditional primary health care workforce in our state's rural areas; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a study on access for Missourians to the health care provider market in the state and the recommendation of specific legislative or enforcement initiatives to insure ample choice for Missouri citizens and to insure affordable health care in the State of Missouri:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-First General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby establish the Joint Interim Committee on Primary Care Workplace Adequacy in Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such Committee shall examine the rural and urban primary care workforce issues facing the State of Missouri, including those involving trauma and critical care services, examine the imbalance between primary care and specialty care in the urban areas and its effect on the cost and access to health care, examine the issue of primary care shortage in the rural areas and its effect on the cost and access to health care in the rural areas, examine current Department of Health and Senior Services programs which support primary care training and make recommendations for its modification and enhancement as needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Committee shall be composed of five members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and five members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee prepare a report, together with its recommendations for any legislative action it deems necessary for submission to the General Assembly prior to the commencement of the First Regular Session of the Ninety-second General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate Research, the Committee on Legislative Research, and House Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical and bill drafting services as the committee may require in the performance of its duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actual and necessary expenses of the committee, its members and any staff personnel assigned to the committee incurred in attending meetings of the committee or any subcommittee thereof shall be paid from the Joint Contingent Fund.