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Resolution Would Create Joint Committee on Underage Drinking

JEFFERSON CITY – The state legislature took another step today in an attempt to reduce underage drinking in Missouri. The General Assembly has passed a resolution to create a Joint Interim Committee on Underage Drinking.

Senator Michael R. Gibbons filed the resolution that would combat the problem of underage drinking by forming this committee. The group will study the current attempts to prevent underage drinking and their effectiveness and look for new methods to help end the ever-growing problem. The members will make a report to the General Assembly after the study has been completed and offer recommendations on their findings.

The committee will be comprised of eight members: four Senators appointed by the President Pro Tem and four Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, with half of each house belonging to the minority party.

“The statistics about underage drinking in our state are shocking, and the consequences behind it are harmful,” Gibbons said. “From a legal, social and health standpoint, underage drinking has negative results. Growing up today is hard enough; we must make sure that we are doing all that we can to protect our children from underage children.”

The resolution is SCR 36.

Sen. Gibbons currently serves as Majority Floor Leader in the Senate.

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