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## **State Senator Bill Stouffer to Bring Committee Exploring Medical Malpractice to Excelsior Springs**

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JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Bill Stouffer, R-Napton, today announced that a legislative committee searching for better ways to insure health-care providers will be meeting in his district. The Joint Interim Committee on a Missouri Health Care Stabilization Fund will meet for two days next week, beginning in Excelsior Springs on August 3.

“It is a pleasure to have this committee come to the 21st District to discuss such an important issue,” Stouffer said. “Missouri is just one liberal judge away from overturning the progress we made with effective tort reform this year. A Stabilization Fund will help lower med-mal insurance costs for health care providers, improving access to health care in Rural Missouri and bringing doctors back to the state.”

The committee, which is chaired by Stouffer, will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 3, at the Historic Elms Hotel. Testimony will be given by doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers. The meeting will continue August 4 in Topeka, Kan., at the state’s Stabilization Fund offices. An estimated 200 doctors have fled Missouri to Kansas to participate in the Sunflower State’s plan.

The Joint Interim Committee on a Missouri Health Care Stabilization Fund was established in 2005 and is made up of five state senators and five state representatives. Committee members have been appointed to explore the establishment of a Missouri Health Care Stabilization Fund.

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