

# SENATE AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Amend \_\_\_\_\_ SS/Senate Bill No. 575, Page 2, Section A, Line 4

2 of said page, by inserting immediately after said line the  
3 following:

4 "21.880. 1. There is hereby established a permanent joint  
5 committee of the general assembly, which shall be known as the  
6 "Joint Committee on Judiciary and Justice" and shall be composed  
7 of the following members:

8 (1) The chairs of the senate and house committees on the  
9 judiciary;

10 (2) The ranking minority members of the senate and house  
11 committees on the judiciary;

12 (3) Two members of the senate appointed by the president  
13 pro tempore of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the  
14 senate committee on appropriations;

15 (4) The chair of the house committee with jurisdiction over  
16 matters relating to criminal laws, law enforcement, and public  
17 safety;

18 (5) The chair of the house committee with jurisdiction over  
19 matters relating to state correctional institutions;

20 (6) A member of the senate appointed by the minority floor  
21 leader of the senate;

22 (7) A member of the house of representatives appointed by

1 the minority floor leader of the house of representatives;

2 (8) Three nonvoting ex officio members who shall be the  
3 chief justice of the Missouri supreme court, the state auditor,  
4 and the attorney general, or their designees.

5 2. No more than three members from each house shall be of  
6 the same political party. The appointment of members shall  
7 continue during their term of office as members of the general  
8 assembly or until a successor has been duly appointed to fill  
9 their place when their term of office as members of the general  
10 assembly has expired.

11 3. The joint committee shall meet within thirty days after  
12 its creation and organize by selecting a chair and vice chair,  
13 one of whom shall be the senate judiciary chair and one of whom  
14 shall be the house judiciary chair. The positions of chair and  
15 vice chair shall alternate every two years thereafter between the  
16 senate and house. After its organization, the committee shall  
17 meet regularly, at least twice a year, at such time and place as  
18 the chair designates, including locations other than Jefferson  
19 City. A majority of the members of the committee shall  
20 constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the  
21 members, other than the ex officio members, shall be required for  
22 the determination of any matter within the committee's duties.

23 4. In order to promote the effective administration of  
24 justice and public safety, it shall be the duty of the joint  
25 committee to:

26 (1) Review and monitor:

27 (a) The state's justice system;

28 (b) The state's criminal laws, law enforcement, and public  
29 safety;

1           (c) The state's correctional institutions and penal and  
2 correctional issues; and

3           (d) All state government efforts related to terrorism,  
4 bioterrorism, and homeland security;

5           (2) Receive reports from the judicial branch, state or  
6 local government agencies or departments, and any entities  
7 attached to them for administrative purposes;

8           (3) Conduct an ongoing study and analysis of the state's  
9 justice system and related issues;

10          (4) Determine the need for changes in statutory law, rules,  
11 policies, or procedures;

12          (5) Make any recommendations to the general assembly for  
13 legislative action; and

14          (6) Perform other duties authorized by concurrent  
15 resolution of the general assembly.

16          5. By January 15, 2016, and every year thereafter, it shall  
17 be the duty of the joint committee to file with the general  
18 assembly a report of its activities, along with any findings or  
19 recommendations the committee may have for legislative action.

20          6. The joint committee shall establish a permanent  
21 subcommittee on the Missouri criminal code, which shall conduct  
22 and supervise a continuing program of revision designed to  
23 maintain the cohesiveness, consistency, and effectiveness of the  
24 criminal laws of the state. In connection with this program, the  
25 committee may select an advisory committee on the Missouri  
26 criminal code, composed of a representative of the Missouri  
27 supreme court, a representative of the office of the attorney  
28 general, and other individuals known to be interested in the  
29 improvement of the state's criminal laws, and may authorize the

1 payment of any actual and necessary expenses incurred by such  
2 members while attending meetings with the committee or the  
3 subcommittee on the Missouri criminal code. The subcommittee on  
4 the Missouri criminal code shall present to the general assembly  
5 in each tenth year such criminal code revision bills as it finds  
6 appropriate to accomplish its purpose.

7 7. The joint committee may make reasonable requests for  
8 staff assistance from the research and appropriations staffs of  
9 the senate and house and the joint committee on legislative  
10 research, and may employ such personnel as it deems necessary to  
11 carry out the duties imposed by this section, within the limits  
12 of any appropriation for such purpose. All branches of  
13 government and state departments, agencies, boards, commissions  
14 and offices shall cooperate with and assist the joint committee  
15 in the performance of its duties and shall make available all  
16 information requested. The committee shall have the power to  
17 subpoena witnesses, take testimony under oath, compel the  
18 attendance of witnesses, the giving of testimony and the  
19 production of records.

20 8. The members of the committee shall serve without  
21 compensation, but any actual and necessary expenses incurred in  
22 the performance of the committee's official duties by the joint  
23 committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the committee  
24 shall be paid from the joint contingent fund."; and

25 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.  
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