

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 586

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of the joint committee on disaster preparedness and awareness.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,
AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 21.851, to read as
3 follows:

4 21.851. 1. There is hereby established a joint committee
5 of the general assembly, which shall be known as the "Joint
6 Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Awareness" and shall be
7 composed of the following members:

8 (1) Three members of the senate to be appointed by the
9 president pro tempore of the senate;

10 (2) Two members of the senate to be appointed by the
11 minority floor leader of the senate;

12 (3) Three members of the house of representatives to be
13 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

14 (4) Two members of the house of representatives to be
15 appointed by the minority floor leader of the house of
16 representatives;

17 (5) The director of the department of public safety, or his

1 or her designee;

2 (6) The director of the department of agriculture, or his
3 or her designee; and

4 (7) The adjutant general of the state, or his or her
5 designee.

6 2. A majority of the members of the committee shall
7 constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the
8 members shall be required for the determination of any matter
9 within the committee's duties.

10 3. The joint committee shall make a continuous study and
11 investigation into issues relating to disaster preparedness and
12 awareness including, but not limited to, the following areas:

13 (1) Natural and man-made disasters;

14 (2) State and local preparedness for floods;

15 (3) State and local preparedness for tornados, blizzards,
16 and other severe storms;

17 (4) Food and energy resiliency;

18 (5) Cyber-security;

19 (6) The budget reserve fund established under Article IV,
20 Section 27(a) of the Missouri Constitution.

21 4. The joint committee shall compile a full report of its
22 activities for submission to the general assembly. The report
23 shall be submitted not later than January first of even-numbered
24 years and may include any recommendations which the committee may
25 have for legislative action. The report may also include an
26 analysis and statement of the manner in which statutory
27 provisions relating to disaster preparedness and awareness are
28 being executed.

1 5. The joint committee may employ such personnel as it
2 deems necessary to carry out the duties imposed by this section,
3 within the limits of any appropriation for such purpose.

4 6. The members of the committee shall serve without
5 compensation, but any actual and necessary expenses incurred in
6 the performance of the committee's official duties by the joint
7 committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the committee
8 shall be paid from the joint contingent fund.