

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 586

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

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

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(5) The director of the department of public safety, or his or her designee;**

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

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

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

22           **3. The joint committee shall make a continuous study and**  
23 **investigation into the following areas:**

24           **(1) State and local preparedness for floods;**

25           **(2) State and local preparedness for tornados, blizzards, and**  
26 **other severe storms;**

27           **(3) Food and energy resiliency;**

28           **(4) Cyber-security;**

29           **(5) The budget reserve fund established under Article IV, Section**  
30 **27(a) of the Missouri Constitution.**

31           **4. The joint committee may compile a full report of its activities**  
32 **for submission to the general assembly. The report shall be submitted**  
33 **not later than January first of even-numbered years and may include**  
34 **any recommendations which the committee may have for legislative**  
35 **action. The report may also include an analysis and statement of the**  
36 **manner in which statutory provisions relating to disaster preparedness**  
37 **are being executed.**

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

41           **6. The members of the committee shall serve without**  
42 **compensation, but any actual and necessary expenses incurred in the**  
43 **performance of the committee's official duties by the joint committee,**  
44 **its members, and any staff assigned to the committee shall be paid from**  
45 **the joint contingent fund.**

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