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SENATE BILL NO. 586

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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
2 section, to be known as section 21.851, to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 **2. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute
19 a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be
20 required for the determination of any matter within the committee's
21 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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