

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1253

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHROER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the joint committee on substance abuse prevention and treatment.

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*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 21.790, to read as follows:

**21.790. 1. There is hereby established a joint committee of the general assembly, which shall be known as the “Joint Committee on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment”. The committee shall be composed of six members from the house of representatives, six members from the senate, and four members appointed by the governor. The senate members of the committee shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and the house members by the speaker of the house of representatives. There shall be at least two members from the minority party of the senate and at least two members from the minority party of the house of representatives. The members appointed by the governor shall include one member from the health care industry, one member who is a first responder or law enforcement officer, one member who is a member of the judiciary or a prosecuting attorney, and one member representing a substance abuse prevention advocacy group.**

**2. The committee shall select a chairperson and a vice-chairperson, one of whom shall be a member of the senate and one a member of the house of representatives. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The committee shall meet at least once during each legislative session and at all other times as the chairperson may designate.**

**3. The committee shall:**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18           **(1) Conduct hearings on current and estimated future drug and substance use and**  
19 **abuse within the state;**

20           **(2) Explore solutions to substance abuse issues; and**

21           **(3) Draft or modify legislation as necessary to effectuate the goals of finding and**  
22 **funding education and treatment solutions to curb drug and substance use and abuse.**

23           **4. The committee shall report annually to the general assembly and the governor.**

24 **The report shall include recommendations for legislation pertaining to substance abuse**  
25 **prevention and treatment.**

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