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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH (163).

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 33, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the committee on local recovery accountability and transparency.

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

Section A. Chapter 33, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 33.865, to read as follows:

33.865. 1. There is hereby established the "Committee on Local Recovery Accountability and Transparency", to coordinate and conduct oversight of covered funds to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.

2. The committee shall consist of the following members:

(1) One member of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate;

(2) One member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(3) The state auditor;

(4) The state treasurer; and

(5) The state budget director.

3. The committee shall coordinate and conduct oversight of covered funds received by political subdivisions under the American Rescue Plan of 2021 and any subsequent economic stimulus or budget stabilization plan as enacted by the 117th Congress after February 28, 2021, and before January 1, 2022. The committee shall ensure the highest degree of accountability and transparency possible.

4. Local governments shall report receipt of funds described in subsection 3 of this section and their expenditures within thirty days in a format determined by the committee.

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 **The committee may develop a form for submission or enable reporting to be conducted on**
19 **the Missouri accountability portal or any other state budget or treasury website as**
20 **determined by the committee.**

21 **5. The committee may, in its discretion, do the following:**

22 **(1) Request further information about receipts or expenditures from any political**
23 **subdivision;**

24 **(2) Hold hearings, take testimony, and receive evidence;**

25 **(3) Review contracts or grants using stimulus funds in order to ensure applicable**
26 **standards are met; and**

27 **(4) Review bidding for contracts and grants to ensure requirements are met.**

28 **6. Local governments shall cooperate with committee requests for information.**

29 **7. The committee shall submit annual reports to the governor and general assembly**
30 **that summarize the findings of the committee with regard to its duties in subsection 3 of**
31 **this section. All reports submitted under this subsection shall be made publicly available**
32 **and posted on the governor's website, the general assembly website, and the website, if any,**
33 **of any political subdivision that reported to the committee. Any portion of a report**
34 **submitted under this subsection may be redacted when made publicly available, if that**
35 **portion would disclose information that is not subject to disclosure under chapter 610,**
36 **RSMo, or any other provision of state law.**

37 **8. (1) Not later than thirty days after the date on which all initial members of the**
38 **committee have been appointed, the committee shall hold its first meeting. Thereafter, the**
39 **committee shall meet at the call of the chair of the committee.**

40 **(2) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum, but a**
41 **lesser number of members may hold hearings.**

42 **9. This section shall expire December 1, 2023.**

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