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SENATE BILL NO. 173

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS DIXON AND KEHOE.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 21.920, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the joint committee on Missouri's promise.

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

Section A. Section 21.920, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted
2 in lieu thereof, to be known as section 21.920, to read as follows:

21.920. 1. There is established a joint committee of the general assembly
2 to be known as the "Joint Committee on Missouri's Promise" to be composed of
3 five members of the senate and five members of the house of representatives. The
4 senate members of the joint committee shall be appointed by the president pro
5 tem of the senate and the house members shall be appointed by the speaker of
6 the house of representatives. The appointment of each member shall continue
7 during the member's term of office as a member of the general assembly or until
8 a successor has been appointed to fill the member's place when his or her term
9 of office as a member of the general assembly has expired. No party shall be
10 represented by more than three members from the house of representatives nor
11 more than three members from the senate. A majority of the committee shall
12 constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be
13 required for the determination of any matter within the committee's duties.

14 2. The committee shall be charged with the following:

15 (1) Examining issues that will be impacting the future of the state of
16 Missouri and its citizens;

17 (2) Developing long-term strategies and plans for:

18 (a) Increasing the economic prosperity and opportunities for the citizens
19 of this state;

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 (b) Improving the health status of our citizens;

21 (c) An education system that educates students who are capable of
22 attending and being productive and successful citizens and designed to
23 successfully prepare graduates for global competition; [and]

24 (d) **Investing in, and maintaining, a modern infrastructure and**
25 **transportation system and identifying potential sources of revenue to**
26 **sustain such efforts; and**

27 (e) Other areas that the committee determines are vital to improving the
28 lives of the citizens of Missouri;

29 (3) Developing three-, five-, and ten-year plans for the general assembly
30 to meet the long-term strategies outlined in subdivision (2) of this subsection;

31 (4) Implementing budget forecasting for the upcoming ten years in order
32 to plan for the long-term financial soundness of the state; and

33 (5) Such other matters as the committee may deem necessary in order to
34 determine the proper course of future legislative and budgetary action regarding
35 these issues.

36 3. The committee may solicit input and information necessary to fulfill its
37 obligations, including, but not limited to, soliciting input and information from
38 any state department or agency the committee deems relevant, political
39 subdivisions of this state, and the general public.

40 4. By January 1, 2011, and every year thereafter, the committee shall
41 issue a report to the general assembly with any findings or recommendations of
42 the committee with regard to its duties under subsection 2 of this section.

43 5. Members of the committee shall receive no compensation but may be
44 reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses associated with the
45 performance of their official duties.

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