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An act relating to legislative committee subpoena power

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 22(e) is added to read:

(e) A committee of the general assembly shall have the authority, by a majority vote of the entire committee and with the approval of the respective committee on rules by a majority vote of the entire committee, to subpoena witnesses or the production of papers or other evidence. A joint committee of the general assembly shall have the authority, by a majority vote of the entire committee and with the approval of the joint committee on rules by a majority vote of the entire committee, to subpoena witnesses or the production of papers or other evidence. The authority set forth in this subsection shall apply regardless of whether the general assembly is in session. For the purposes of this section, “committee of the general assembly” or “joint committee of the general assembly” shall mean those committees composed entirely of members of the general assembly.