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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a joint committee on waste, fraud, and abuse.

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 21.820, to read as follows:

21.820. 1. There is established a joint committee of the general assembly to be known as the "Joint Committee on Waste, Fraud, and Abuse" to be composed of seven members of the senate and seven members of the house of representatives. The senate members of the joint committee shall be appointed by the president pro tem and minority floor leader of the senate and the house members shall be appointed by the speaker and minority floor leader of the house of representatives. The appointment of each member shall continue during the member's term of office as a member of the general assembly or until a successor has been appointed to fill the member's place when his or her term of office as a member of the general assembly has expired. No party shall be represented by more than four members from the house of representatives nor more than four members from the senate. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be required for the determination of any matter within the committee's duties.

2. The joint committee shall:

- (1) Make a continuing study and analysis of inefficiencies in state government;**
- (2) Determine the appropriate method of obtaining data on each entity of state**

17 government that will provide relevant information at least biennially for the identification
18 of potential and actual inefficiencies in each state entity's function, duties, and
19 performance;

20 (3) Determine from its study and analysis the need for changes in statutory law,
21 rules, or policies; and

22 (4) Make any other recommendation to the general assembly necessary to reduce
23 inefficiencies in state government.

24 3. The joint committee shall meet within thirty days after its creation and organize
25 by selecting a chairperson and a vice chairperson, one of whom shall be a member of the
26 senate and the other a member of the house of representatives. The chairperson shall
27 alternate between members of the house and senate every two years after the committee's
28 organization.

29 4. The committee shall meet at least quarterly. The committee may meet at
30 locations other than Jefferson City when the committee deems it necessary.

31 5. The committee shall be staffed by legislative personnel as is deemed necessary
32 to assist the committee in the performance of its duties.

33 6. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation but shall be
34 entitled to reimbursement from the joint contingent fund for actual and necessary expenses
35 incurred in the performance of their official duties.

36 7. It shall be the duty of the committee to compile a full report of its activities for
37 submission to the general assembly. The report shall be submitted not later than the
38 fifteenth of January of each year in which the general assembly convenes in regular session
39 and shall include any recommendations which the committee may have for legislative
40 action as well as any recommendations for administrative or procedural changes in the
41 internal management or organization of state government agencies and departments.
42 Copies of the report containing such recommendations shall be sent to the appropriate
43 directors of state or local government agencies or departments included in the report.