

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1599  
AN ACT

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

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,  
6 AS FOLLOWS:

7 Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
8 one new section, to be known as section 21.820, to read as  
9 follows:

10 21.820. 1. There is established a joint committee of the  
11 general assembly to be known as the "Joint Committee on Waste,  
12 Fraud, and Abuse" to be composed of seven members of the senate  
13 and seven members of the house of representatives. The senate  
14 members of the joint committee shall be appointed by the  
15 president pro tem and minority floor leader of the senate and the  
16 house members shall be appointed by the speaker and minority  
17 floor leader of the house of representatives. Each member shall  
18 be appointed for a term of two years or until a successor has  
19 been appointed to fill the member's place when his or her term  
20 has expired. Members may be reappointed to the joint committee.  
21 No party shall be represented by more than four members from the  
22 house of representatives nor more than four members from the

1 senate. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum,  
2 but the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be  
3 required for the determination of any matter within the  
4 committee's duties.

5 2. The joint committee shall:

6 (1) Make a continuing study and analysis of inefficiencies  
7 in state government, including but not limited to waste, fraud,  
8 and abuse;

9 (2) Determine the appropriate method of obtaining data on  
10 each entity of state government that will provide relevant  
11 information at least biennially for the identification of  
12 potential and actual inefficiencies in each state entity's  
13 function, duties, and performance;

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

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

18 3. The joint committee shall meet within thirty days after  
19 its creation and organize by selecting a chairperson and a vice  
20 chairperson, one of whom shall be a member of the senate and the  
21 other a member of the house of representatives. The chairperson  
22 shall alternate between members of the house and senate every two  
23 years after the committee's organization.

24 4. The committee shall meet at least four times a year.

1 The committee may meet at locations other than Jefferson City  
2 when the committee deems it necessary.

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

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

10 7. It shall be the duty of the committee to compile a full  
11 report of its activities for submission to the general assembly.  
12 The report shall be submitted not later than the fifteenth of  
13 January of each year in which the general assembly convenes in  
14 regular session and shall include any recommendations which the  
15 committee may have for legislative action as well as any  
16 recommendations for administrative or procedural changes in the  
17 internal management or organization of state government agencies  
18 and departments. Copies of the report containing such  
19 recommendations shall be sent to the appropriate directors of  
20 state or local government agencies or departments included in the  
21 report.