

HCS SCS SB 252 -- MILITARY FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

This bill establishes the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission to design and implement measures to protect, retain, and enhance the present and future mission capabilities of military posts and bases around the state.

The commission's duties will include preparing a biennial strategic plan and an annual report. The nine-member commission will meet quarterly or more often if deemed necessary by the chair. Funding for the commission will be by appropriation, and the Department of Economic Development will provide administrative support staff.

The governing body or the county planning commission of Johnson County must provide for the planning and zoning within the unincorporated area that extends 3,000 feet outward from the boundaries of Whiteman Air Force Base and the area within the perimeter of accident potential zones one and two.

For the purpose of student resident status, military personnel stationed in Missouri, as well as their spouses and unemancipated children, will be regarded as Missouri residents.

The bill authorizes an individual income tax deduction for income received for military service in a combat zone, as defined in the bill, as long as the income is included in the individual's federal adjusted gross income. The deduction will apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2005.

The bill contains an emergency clause.