

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 965**  
**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Committee on Health Care Policy April 6, 2006 with recommendation that House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 965 Do Pass by Consent. Referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 25(26)(f).

STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 190.350, 190.353, and 190.355, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to poison control.

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

Section A. Sections 190.350, 190.353, and 190.355, RSMo, are repealed and two new  
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 190.353 and 190.355, to read as follows:

190.353. 1. The [advisory committee on poison control] **department of health and**  
2 **senior services** shall:

- 3 (1) Provide for the establishment of a "Missouri Regional Poison Information Center"  
4 capable of providing the services described in subsection [3] **2** of this section based on the best  
5 demonstrated ability to perform such services as evidenced by past performance of such services  
6 and by current certification as a regional poison control center by the American Association of  
7 Poison Control Centers;
- 8 (2) Provide for the establishment of a "Missouri Poison Control Network" to consist of  
9 poison prevention and treatment centers throughout the state of Missouri, representing all  
10 federally designated emergency medical services areas;
- 11 (3) [Establish policies for data collection at poison treatment centers and procedures for  
12 the medical treatment of victims of poisoning and overdose;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

13 (4) Develop a systematic plan for the statewide education of the general public and  
14 health care professionals on the control and proper use of poisonous substances and the treatment  
15 of poison victims;

16 (5) Cooperate with the Missouri poison information center in systems evaluation and in  
17 review of morbidity and mortality rates among poison victims; and

18 (6) Fund educational programs at area poison treatment centers for the general public and  
19 for health care professionals] **Determine, in conjunction with local health agencies and health**  
20 **care providers, the region to be served by the Missouri regional poison information center.**

21 2. [The committee shall submit an annual report to the presiding officers of each house  
22 of the general assembly and the department of health and senior services concerning the  
23 administration of the Missouri poison control network, and shall cooperate with the department  
24 of health and senior services for the purpose of providing data for health planning.

25 3.] The Missouri poison information center shall provide:

26 (1) A twenty-four hour toll-free telephone referral and information service for the general  
27 public and health care professionals, supervised by a physician who is board-certified in the field  
28 of clinical toxicology and staffed by licensed professionals who are certified as information  
29 specialists or whose certification is pending, according to the requirements of the American  
30 Association of Poison Control Centers;

31 (2) Design and coordination of appropriate public and professional education services  
32 in the area of poison treatment and prevention;

33 (3) Plans for cooperation between the Missouri poison control network and health and  
34 emergency service agencies and associations involved in poison control activities;

35 (4) Program evaluation and systematic data collection on poison exposures in  
36 cooperation with the department of health and senior services; and

37 (5) Coordination of poison control, treatment, and education activities of poison  
38 prevention and treatment centers.

190.355. The [advisory committee on poison control may contract for services from such  
2 private persons, agencies, and corporations as are necessary to fully effectuate the purposes of  
3 sections 190.350 to 190.355, and] **Missouri regional poison information center** shall fully  
4 utilize existing institutions and services for the control and treatment of poisons.

[190.350. 1. The "Advisory Committee on Poison Control" is hereby  
2 created within the department of health and senior services.

3 2. The committee shall consist of nine members, as follows:

4 (1) The director of the department of health and senior services or his  
5 designee;

6 (2) One health care professional with demonstrated ability and  
7 experience in the area of poison from each of the seven federally designated

8 emergency medical services areas in this state. Such members shall be appointed  
9 by the governing body of each area, or, in cases where no governing body has  
10 been formed, by the director of the department of health and senior services, and  
11 shall serve terms of four years; and

12 (3) The director of the Missouri poison information center established  
13 pursuant to section 190.353.

14 3. The committee shall meet within ten days after September 28, 1985,  
15 and organize by selecting a chairman and vice chairman. A majority of the  
16 members shall constitute a quorum.

17 4. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but  
18 shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
19 performance of their official duties.]

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