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HOUSE BILL NO. 1041

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 21.800, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the joint committee on terrorism, bioterrorism, and homeland security.

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

Section A. Section 21.800, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 21.800, to read as follows:

21.800. 1. There is established a joint committee of the general assembly to be known as the "Joint Committee on Terrorism, Bioterrorism, and Homeland Security" 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 all state government terrorism, bioterrorism, and homeland security efforts;

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.

16 (2) Devise a standard reporting system to obtain data on each state government agency
17 that will provide information on each agency's terrorism and bioterrorism preparedness, and
18 homeland security status at least biennially;

19 (3) Determine from its study and analysis the need for changes in statutory law; and

20 (4) Make any other recommendation to the general assembly necessary to provide
21 adequate terrorism and bioterrorism protections, and homeland security to the citizens of the
22 state of Missouri.

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

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

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

31 6. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled
32 to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official
33 duties.

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

42 8. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2007] **2009**.

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