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HOUSE BILL NO. 2581

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the joint committee on health care policy and planning.

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

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 191.825, to read as follows:

**191.825. 1. There is hereby established a permanent joint committee of the general
2 assembly to be known as the "Joint Committee on Health Care Policy and Planning". The
3 joint committee shall be comprised of five members of the house of representatives
4 appointed by the speaker of the house and five members of the senate appointed by the
5 president pro tempore of the senate. The appointment of each member shall continue
6 during his or her term of office as a member of the general assembly or until a successor
7 has been appointed to fill the member's place when his or her term of office as a member
8 of the general assembly has expired. Not more than three members of the senate or three
9 members of the house shall be of the same political party.**

**10 2. Members of the joint committee shall receive no compensation in addition to
11 their salary as members of the general assembly, but may receive their actual and
12 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as members of the
13 joint committee. Such expenses shall be paid from the joint contingency fund. The
14 meetings of the joint committee shall be in Jefferson City.**

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.

15 **3. The joint committee shall meet within ten days after its establishment and**
16 **organize by selecting a chairperson and a vice chairperson, one of whom shall be a member**
17 **of the senate and the other a member of the house of representatives. The joint committee**
18 **shall meet at least quarterly. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.**

19 **4. The joint committee may, within the limits of its appropriations, employ such**
20 **persons as it deems necessary to carry out its duties. The compensation of such personnel**
21 **shall be paid from the joint contingency fund. The joint committee may, within limits of**
22 **appropriations for that purpose, enter into contracts to provide such professional, legal,**
23 **or technical assistance as may be necessary for it to perform its functions.**

24 **5. The duties of the joint committee shall include, but not be limited to:**

25 **(1) Monitoring the design and implementation of health care initiatives to ensure**
26 **that mechanisms are established to permit effective evaluation of the efficiency and efficacy**
27 **of such initiatives;**

28 **(2) Monitoring the effect of legislative action upon the delivery of health care**
29 **services in Missouri;**

30 **(3) Analyzing and developing policy proposals to improve the delivery of health**
31 **care services in Missouri;**

32 **(4) Making recommendations for administrative or procedural changes in the**
33 **internal management or organization of the state agencies which provide or regulate the**
34 **delivery of health care services;**

35 **(5) Compiling a report of its activities which shall be submitted to the members of**
36 **the general assembly and the governor not later than January fifteenth of each year;**

37 **(6) Making recommendations to the general assembly for legislative action**
38 **regarding health care policy and planning;**

39 **(7) Developing a health care plan for spending, considering health care**
40 **expenditures, costs, resources, and practices, including expansion of public health services**
41 **and managed care organizations, preferred providers, caps, curbs on malpractice suits,**
42 **choice of physicians, and antitrust relief to enable physicians to negotiate fees with any**
43 **government board setting budgets.**

44 **6. Any state-funded agency which provides or regulates health care services shall**
45 **cooperate with and assist the joint committee in the performance of its duties and shall**
46 **make available all books, records, and information as requested by the joint committee.**

47 **7. The joint committee shall have the power to subpoena witnesses, take testimony**
48 **under oath, compel the attendance of witnesses, the giving of testimony, and the production**
49 **of records.**

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