

HB 1973 -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH

SPONSOR: Flanigan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 6.

This bill reorganizes the Joint Committee on Legislative Research. The committee will be organized into three divisions: Revision; Oversight; and Policy Impact.

The Revision Division will be responsible for all revisionary duties required under Chapter 3, RSMo, as well as drafting of courtesy resolutions and memorials for members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Bill drafting services will no longer be provided by the committee. The Revisor of Statutes will provide supervision of the division.

The Oversight Division will continue to be responsible for preparation of fiscal notes and program evaluations of state agencies. The Director of the Oversight Division will provide supervision of the division. Fiscal notes will first be submitted upon any legislation voted out of any committee of either house of the General Assembly instead of upon introduction. Cost estimates contained within a fiscal note is expanded from the current year and the next two fiscal years to the current year and next five fiscal years.

The Policy Impact Division will be responsible for providing a detailed and systematic analysis of the potential impacts of proposed or new legislation. The Director of the Oversight Division will provide supervision of the division.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will shift responsibilities in a way that is more efficient.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Flanigan.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.