

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 210,
2 Page 1, Line 3 of the Title, by deleting the words "reimbursement allowance taxes" and inserting in
3 lie thereof the words "health care"; and
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5 Further amend said bill, Page 2, Section 208.482, Line 7, by inserting after said line the following:
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7 "208.952. 1. There is hereby established [the] a permanent "Joint Committee on MO
8 HealthNet". The committee shall have as its purpose the study, monitoring, and review of the
9 efficacy of the program as well as the resources needed to continue and improve the MO HealthNet
10 program over time. The committee shall receive and obtain information from the departments of
11 social services, mental health, health and senior services, and elementary and secondary education,
12 as applicable, regarding the projected budget of the entire MO HealthNet program including
13 projected MO HealthNet enrollment growth, categorized by population and geographic area. The
14 committee shall consist of ten members:

15 (1) The chair and the ranking minority member of the house committee on the budget;

16 (2) The chair and the ranking minority member of the senate committee on appropriations
17 [committee];

18 (3) The chair and the ranking minority member of the house committee on appropriations
19 [for health, mental health, and social services] designated to consider MO HealthNet legislation and
20 matters;

21 (4) The chair and the ranking minority member of the standing senate committee [on health
22 and mental health] designated to consider MO HealthNet legislation and matters;

23 (5) A representative chosen by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

24 (6) A senator chosen by the president pro tem of the senate.

25 No more than three members from each house shall be of the same political party.

26 2. A chair of the committee shall be selected by the members of the committee.

27 3. The committee shall meet [as necessary] at least twice a year. The committee shall
28 provide notice to the public thirty days prior to any meeting of the committee. A portion of the
29 meeting shall be set aside for the purpose of receiving public testimony. In the event of three
30 consecutive absences on the part of any member, such member may be removed from the committee.
31 The committee shall seek from statewide organizations representing health care professionals any
32 recommendations they have to improve the quality of health care and its cost.

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1 4. [Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the committee to hire employees
2 or enter into any employment contracts] The committee is authorized to hire an employee or enter
3 into employment contracts, including an executive director to conduct an audit, special review or
4 investigation of the MO HealthNet program in order to assist the committee with its duties. The
5 employee or executive director shall be authorized to conduct an audit, special review, or
6 investigation into any contract between the MO HealthNet program and a vendor for the provision of
7 services to the program. Such executive director shall have free access to all divisions or offices
8 within the departments of social services, health and senior services, or mental health associated with
9 the MO HealthNet program for the inspection of such books, accounts, contracts, data, and papers as
10 concern any of the executive director's duties. The compensation of such personnel and the expenses
11 of the committee shall be paid from the joint contingent fund or jointly from the senate and house
12 contingent funds until an appropriation is made therefor.

13 5. [The committee shall receive and study the five-year rolling MO HealthNet budget
14 forecast issued annually by the legislative budget office.

15 6.] The committee shall annually conduct a rolling five-year MO HealthNet forecast and
16 make recommendations in a report to the general assembly by January first each year, beginning in
17 [2008] 2017, on anticipated growth in the MO HealthNet program, needed improvements,
18 anticipated needed appropriations, and suggested strategies on ways to structure the state budget in
19 order to satisfy the future needs of the program."; and

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21 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
22 accordingly.
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