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HOUSE BILL NO. 953

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KNIGHT.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the interim joint committee on juvenile court jurisdiction and implementation.

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

Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 21.875, to read as follows:

21.875. 1. There is hereby established an interim joint committee of the general assembly to be known as the "Interim Joint Committee on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction and Implementation" to be composed of two members of the senate, with one such member being the chair of the senate committee on judiciary, and two members of the house of representatives, with one such member being the chair of the house committee on judiciary. Of the four members to be appointed to the joint committee, the two senate members of the joint committee shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and the minority leader of the senate and the two house members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the minority floor leader of the house of representatives. The two senate members shall be composed, as nearly as may be, of majority and minority party members in the same proportion as the number of majority and minority party members in the senate bears to the total membership of the senate. No majority party shall be represented by more than one member from the house of representatives. Additional joint committee members shall include:

(1) A chief juvenile officer from a single county judicial circuit;
(2) A chief juvenile officer from a multicounty judicial circuit;
(3) A superintendent of a Missouri juvenile detention center;

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.

- 18 (4) The Missouri office of state courts administrator, or his or her designee;
19 (5) The director of the division of youth services within the department of social
20 services;
21 (6) The commissioner of education, or his or her designee, within the department
22 of elementary and secondary education;
23 (7) The president, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Police Chiefs' Association;
24 (8) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Sheriffs'
25 Association;
26 (9) The director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri state public defender;
27 (10) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri school board
28 association;
29 (11) A juvenile or family court judge appointed by the Missouri supreme court;
30 (12) A representative from the Metropolitan Congregations United;
31 (13) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Association of
32 Counties; and
33 (14) The executive director, or his or her designee, of the Missouri Juvenile Justice
34 Association.
- 35 2. The joint committee shall review current juvenile court jurisdiction as it pertains
36 to status and delinquency offenses and develop a plan for full implementation of raising
37 the age of juvenile court jurisdiction to seventeen years of age. The implementation plan
38 shall include:
- 39 (1) An analysis of the impact raising the age of juvenile court jurisdiction will have
40 on state and county budgets as well as identify resource issues and cost mitigation
41 strategies;
42 (2) An appropriate fiscal note that is based on the analysis under subdivision (1)
43 of this subsection;
44 (3) An allocation of funds deposited into the juvenile justice preservation fund
45 established under section 211.435, as well as recommendations on how the funds may be
46 used;
47 (4) An analysis of projected cases relating to subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of
48 section 211.031, and an examination of best practices and alternatives for status offenders
49 seventeen years of age;
50 (5) An examination of alternative strategies, such as civil citations or other
51 diversion processes; and
52 (6) Addressing additional statutory implications of raising the age of juvenile court
53 jurisdiction to include the following:

- 54 (a) Compulsory school attendance;
55 (b) Age of commitment to the division of youth services;
56 (c) Certification;
57 (d) Dual jurisdiction; and
58 (e) Refining definitions.

59 3. The joint committee shall meet within thirty days after its creation and select a
60 chair and vice chair, one of whom shall be the chair of the senate committee on judiciary
61 and one of whom shall be the chair of the house committee on judiciary. A majority of the
62 joint committee shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the
63 members shall be required for the determination of any matter within the joint committee's
64 duties.

65 4. The joint committee shall meet at least quarterly and at locations other than
66 Jefferson City if the joint committee deems it necessary.

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

69 6. The members of the joint committee shall serve without compensation but shall
70 be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
71 performance of their official duties.

72 7. It shall be the duty of the joint committee to compile a full report of its activities
73 for submission to the general assembly by January 15, 2020. Copies of the report
74 containing such recommendations shall be sent to the appropriate directors of state or local
75 government agencies or departments included in the report.

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