

HCR 17 -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

SPONSOR: Messenger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Children and Families by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 1.

This bill establishes the "Joint Committee on Social Services" to study and review the success of public assistance programs in the state, determine the level and adequacy of resources needed for public assistance, and develop recommendations for promoting independence.

The committee would consist of two members, from the House of Representatives, one member shall be appointed by the Speaker and one appointed by the Minority Leader, two members from the Senate, one shall be appointed by the President Pro Tem and one by the Minority Leader, two members appointed by the Governor, the Director of the Department of Social Services or designee, and another member appointed by the Director of the Department of Social Services. A report shall be provided to the General Assembly by January 1, 2020 and the joint committee shall terminate on January 1, 2021.

This bill is the same as HCR 89 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that these are important issues and we need to do the best work we can, as a state to ensure the people of Missouri are being served in the best way possible to help them reach self-sufficiency and get them to work. We need to know what is working and what is not and provide better customer service.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Messenger and Empower Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.