

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2937

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

---

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS.

4381H.011

JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

---

### AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the joint committee on government efficiency.

---

*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 21.955, to read as follows:

**21.955. 1. There is hereby established a joint committee of the general assembly, which shall be known as the "Joint Committee on Government Efficiency" and shall be composed of the following members:**

**(1) Three members of the senate to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate;**

**(2) Two members of the senate to be appointed by the minority floor leader of the senate;**

**(3) Three members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and**

**(4) Two members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the minority floor leader of the house of representatives.**

**2. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be required for the determination of any matter within the committee's duties.**

**3. The president pro tempore of the senate shall select the chair of the committee in even-numbered general assemblies and the speaker of the house of representatives shall select the chair of the committee in odd-numbered general assemblies.**

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 joint committee shall:**

19           **(1) Review existing state rules and regulations to identify those that are**  
20 **ineffective, unnecessary, or unduly burdensome and provide recommendations for**  
21 **rewriting or repealing such rules and regulations in the report required under**  
22 **subsection 5 of this section;**

23           **(2) Make recommendations and issue the report described under subsection 6 of**  
24 **this section on state budgetary matters, including:**

25           **(a) Analyzing agency budgets for potential cost reductions;**

26           **(b) Reviewing reports provided by agencies that outline potential cost**  
27 **reductions, including the reduction of full-time employees; and**

28           **(c) Identifying the minimum number of employees required for an agency to**  
29 **carry out its constitutionally permissible and statutorily mandated functions;**

30           **(3) Review reports provided by the office of administration and make**  
31 **recommendations on the disposition of unused or underutilized state real property in**  
32 **the report required under subsection 7 of this section;**

33           **(4) Review statutes that have a significant impact on the state budget and make**  
34 **recommendations for changes to such statutes;**

35           **(5) Conduct a complete review of the state's social services system, including:**

36           **(a) Evaluating the condition of the state's social services system, defined as the**  
37 **publicly funded system of services intended to meet the needs of vulnerable residents**  
38 **including, but not limited to, services providing health and mental health care, housing,**  
39 **and employment supports;**

40           **(b) Studying successful social services systems in other states in order to identify**  
41 **highly effective models;**

42           **(c) Evaluating current funding for the state's social services system;**

43           **(d) Identifying any gaps in the state's social services system;**

44           **(e) Evaluating whether current funding is sufficient to not only maintain the**  
45 **social services system in its current state but also to ensure that it serves the needs of**  
46 **Missouri's vulnerable residents moving forward into the twenty-first century;**

47           **(f) Making recommendations regarding the condition of the social services**  
48 **system and funding of the social services system; and**

49           **(g) Making recommendations on how to fill any gaps in the social services system**  
50 **and ensure the state's vulnerable residents are able to access the services they need in**  
51 **order to maintain their health and well-being and participate fully in their communities;**  
52 **and**

53           **(6) Solicit bids for and review and make recommendations based on the results**  
54 **of performance audits conducted on each state department, the general assembly, the**

55 judiciary, the office of administration, the governor and lieutenant governor, the  
56 attorney general, the secretary of state, the state auditor, and the state treasurer.

57       **5. The joint committee shall compile a full report of its activities for submission**  
58 **to the general assembly. The report shall be submitted no later than September first of**  
59 **even-numbered years and may include any recommendations that the committee may**  
60 **have for legislative action.**

61       **6. In conducting its duties under subdivision (2) of subsection 4 of this section,**  
62 **the joint committee shall report its findings by December first each year, in a report**  
63 **separate from the reports required under subsections 5 and 7 of this section, and include**  
64 **a list of full-time employee positions to eliminate from the state budget. The**  
65 **recommendations of the joint committee in the report under this subsection shall**  
66 **automatically go into effect on February first of the year immediately following the year**  
67 **in which the report is issued unless the general assembly passes a resolution or the**  
68 **governor issues an executive order indicating disapproval of the proposed job**  
69 **eliminations.**

70       **7. In conducting its duties under subdivision (3) of subsection 4 of this section,**  
71 **the joint committee shall report its findings by December first each year, in a report**  
72 **separate from the reports required under subsections 5 and 6 of this section, and**  
73 **provide a list of state real property that should be sold, leased, or otherwise transferred.**  
74 **The recommendations of the joint committee in the report under this subsection shall**  
75 **automatically go into effect on February first of the year immediately following the year**  
76 **in which the report is issued unless the general assembly passes a resolution or the**  
77 **governor issues an executive order indicating disapproval of the proposed sale, lease, or**  
78 **transfer of state real property.**

79       **8. Staff offices including, but not limited to, house research, house drafting,**  
80 **senate research, and the joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal,**  
81 **research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the joint committee may**  
82 **require in the performance of its duties.**

83       **9. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but any**  
84 **actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the committee's official**  
85 **duties by the joint committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the committee shall**  
86 **be paid from the joint contingent fund.**

87       **10. The committee shall hold its first meeting within six months from the**  
88 **effective date of this section and shall meet monthly thereafter.**

89       **11. (1) Cost savings resulting from any of the recommendations made under this**  
90 **section shall be deposited in the government efficiency fund.**

91           **(2) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Government Efficiency**  
92 **Fund", which shall consist of moneys collected under this section. The state treasurer**  
93 **shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state**  
94 **treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon**  
95 **appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely as provided in this section.**

96           **(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys**  
97 **remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the**  
98 **general revenue fund.**

99           **(4) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as**  
100 **other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be**  
101 **credited to the fund.**

✓