

HOUSE

AMENDMENT NO. ___

Offered by

of

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1256, Page 1,
2 In the Title, Line 5, by deleting the word "thirty-two" and
3 inserting in lieu thereof the word "thirty-three"; and

4 Further amend said bill, Page 1, Section A, Line 4, by
5 deleting the word "thirty-two" and inserting in lieu thereof the
6 word "thirty-three"; and

7 Further amend said bill, Page 1, Section A, Line 5, by
8 inserting after the word "sections" the section number "21.771,";
9 and

10 Further amend said bill, Page 1, Section A, Line 8, by
11 inserting after all of said line the following:

12 "21.771. 1. There is established a joint committee of the
13 general assembly to be known as the "Joint Committee on Child
14 Abuse and Neglect" to be composed of seven members of the senate
15 and seven members of the house of representatives. The senate
16 members of the joint committee shall be appointed by the
17 president pro tem and minority floor leader of the senate and the
18 house members shall be appointed by the speaker and minority
19 floor leader of the house of representatives. The appointment of
20 each member shall continue during the member's term of office as
21 a member of the general assembly or until a successor has been
22 appointed to fill the member's place. No party shall be
23 represented by more than four members from the house of
24 representatives nor more than four members from the senate.

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

28 2. The joint committee shall:

29 (1) Make a continuing study and analysis of the state child

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1 abuse and neglect reporting and investigation system;

2 (2) Devise a plan for improving the structured
3 decisionmaking regarding the removal of a child from a home;

4 (3) Determine the additional personnel and resources
5 necessary to adequately protect the children of this state and
6 improve their welfare and the welfare of families;

7 (4) Address the need for additional foster care homes and
8 to improve the quality of care provided to abused and neglected
9 children in the custody of the state;

10 (5) Determine from its study and analysis the need for
11 changes in statutory law; and

12 (6) Make any other recommendation to the general assembly
13 necessary to provide adequate protections for the children of our
14 state.

15 3. The joint committee shall meet within thirty days after
16 its creation and organize by selecting a chairperson and a vice
17 chairperson, one of whom shall be a member of the senate and the
18 other a member of the house of representatives. The chairperson
19 shall alternate between members of the house and senate every two
20 years after the committee's organization.

21 4. The committee shall meet at least quarterly. The
22 committee may meet at locations other than Jefferson City when
23 the committee deems it necessary.

24 5. The committee shall be staffed by legislative personnel
25 as is deemed necessary to assist the committee in the performance
26 of its duties.

27 6. The members of the committee shall serve without
28 compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual
29 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
30 official duties.

31 7. It shall be the duty of the committee to compile a full
32 report of its activities for submission to the general assembly.
33 The report shall be submitted not later than the fifteenth of
34 January of each year in which the general assembly convenes in
35 regular session and shall include any recommendations which the
36 committee may have for legislative action as well as any
37 recommendations for administrative or procedural changes in the

1 internal management or organization of state or local government
2 agencies and departments. Copies of the report containing such
3 recommendations shall be sent to the appropriate directors of
4 state or local government agencies or departments included in the
5 report.

6 8. The provisions of this section shall expire on January
7 15, 2018."; and

8 Further amend said title, enacting clause and intersectional
9 references accordingly.