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HOUSE BILL NO. 1322

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the joint committee on police department oversight.

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 21.819, to read as follows:

21.819. 1. There is hereby established a joint committee of the general assembly to be known as the "Joint Committee On Police Department Oversight" to be comprised of seven members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and minority floor leader and seven members of the senate appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and the minority floor leader. The appointment of each member shall continue during the member's term of office or until a successor has been appointed to fill the member's place when his or her term of office as a member of the general assembly has expired. No party shall be represented by more than four members from the house of representatives or more than four members from the senate.

2. If the Department of Justice or the United States Attorney General issues a report with findings that a police department has engaged in unconstitutional police practices and such report offers recommendations, the joint committee shall ensure that the police department is implementing the recommendations of such report and the state is offering assistance, if possible, for the implementation of such recommendations.

3. The joint committee shall meet within thirty days after its creation and organize by selecting a chair and vice chair. The positions of chair and vice chair shall alternate every two years thereafter between the senate and house. After its organization, the

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 **committee shall meet regularly, at least twice a year, at such time and place as the chair**
19 **designates, including locations other than Jefferson City. A majority of the joint committee**
20 **shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be**
21 **required for the determination of any matter within the joint committee's duties.**

22 **4. By December 31, 2015, and every year thereafter, it shall be the duty of the joint**
23 **committee to file with the general assembly a report of its activities, along with any findings**
24 **or recommendations the committee may have for legislative action.**

25 **5. Members of the committee shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed**
26 **for reasonable and necessary expenses associated with the performance of their official**
27 **duties.**

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