

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Bill No. 1836, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after all of said section and
2 line the following:

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4 "21.815. 1. There is hereby established a "Joint Committee on Missouri Division of
5 Workers' Compensation" to be composed of seven members of the house of representatives
6 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and minority floor leader and seven
7 members of the senate appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and the minority floor
8 leader. The appointment of each member shall continue during the member's term of office or until
9 a successor has been appointed to fill the member's place when his or her term of office as a
10 member of the general assembly has expired. No party shall be represented by more than four
11 members from the house of representatives or more than four members from the senate. A majority
12 of the joint committee shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence of a majority of the members
13 shall be required for the determination of any matter within the joint committee's duties.

14 2. The joint committee shall:

15 (1) Investigate disparity directed at injured minorities, low-income workers, and workers
16 under thirty-five years of age;

17 (2) Make a continuing study and analysis of the division of workers' compensation bias;
18 fraud; and noncompliance, investigation system, and regulatory agency;

19 (3) Address the need for additional resources to improve the quality of fairness provided to
20 injured minorities while processing claims in this state;

21 (4) Review and redress for claims that prove to be fraudulent or noncompliant;

22 (5) Devise a plan for improving the structured decision making for compromise settlements;

23 (6) Determine the additional personnel and resources to adequately protect injured
24 minorities, low-income workers, and workers under the age of thirty-five and improve their welfare
25 and the welfare of their families;

26 (7) Determine from the study and the analysis the need for changes in the statutory laws;

27 (8) Investigate the operations, effects, and administration of the Missouri division of
28 workers' compensation;

29 (9) Investigate measures and methods for elimination of bias within the program;

30 (10) Request the presence of the director of the division of workers' compensation to answer
31 questions from the study;

32 (11) Make every effort to meet in at least three urban regions of the state to seek public
33 input and examine trends in the state for injured workers in those regions and their needs, existing
34 services and resources, and needed state policies;

35 (12) Make any recommendation to the general assembly necessary to provide adequate
36 protection for injured minorities, low-income workers, and workers under the age of thirty-five in

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- 1 this state regarding due process and equal protection rights;
2 (13) Meet within thirty days after its creation and select a chairperson and a vice
3 chairperson, and meet quarterly thereafter; and
4 (14) Compile a full report of its activities for submission to the general assembly by January
5 thirtieth of each year the general assembly convenes in a regular session.
6 3. The provisions of this section shall expire on January 30, 2022."; and
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8 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
9 accordingly.