

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2600, Page 1, in the Title, Line 3, by
2 deleting the words "surplus revenue fund" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "general
3 assembly"; and

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5 Further amend said substitute and page, Section A, Line 2, by inserting immediately after said line
6 the following:

7 "21.816. 1. There is hereby established a joint committee of the general assembly to be
8 known as the "Joint Committee on Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation" to be comprised
9 of seven members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of
10 representatives and minority floor leader and seven members of the senate appointed by the
11 president pro tempore of the senate and the minority floor leader. The appointment of each member
12 shall continue during the member's term of office or until a successor has been appointed to fill the
13 member's place when his or her term of office as a member of the general assembly has expired. No
14 party shall be represented by more than four members from the house of representatives or more
15 than four members from the senate. A majority of the joint committee shall constitute a quorum,
16 but the concurrence of a majority of the members shall be required for the determination of any
17 matter within the joint committee's duties.

18 2. The joint committee shall:

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

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

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

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

26 (5) Devise a plan for improving the structured decision- making process for compromise
27 settlements;

28 (6) Study the feasibility of obtaining an evaluation from a workers' compensation claimant
29 once his or her case is closed;

30 (7) Determine the additional personnel and resources needed to adequately protect injured
31 minorities, low-income workers, and workers under the age of thirty-five and improve their welfare
32 and the welfare of their families;

33 (8) Determine from the study and the analysis, the need for changes in the statutory laws;

34 (9) Investigate the operations, effects, and administration of the Missouri division of
35 workers' compensation;

36 (10) Investigate measures and methods for elimination of bias within the program;

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1 (11) Request the presence of the director of the division of workers' compensation to answer
2 questions from the study;

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

6 (13) Make any recommendation to the general assembly necessary to provide adequate
7 protection for injured minorities, low-income workers, and workers under the age of thirty-five in
8 this state regarding due process and equal protection rights;

9 (14) Meet within thirty days after its creation and select a chairperson and a vice
10 chairperson, and meet quarterly thereafter; and

11 (15) Compile a full report of its activities for submission to the general assembly by January
12 thirtieth of each year the general assembly convenes in a regular session.

13 3. As used in this section, the term "minorities" means individuals of African, Hispanic,
14 Native American, or Asian descent.

15 4. The provisions of this section shall expire on January 30, 2021."; and

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17 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
18 accordingly.
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