

# House Resolution No. 922

## 91<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1           **Whereas**, the budget of the Missouri Department of Social Services has reached  
2 over five billion dollars out of a nineteen billion dollar state budget which represents twenty-  
3 seven percent of that total; and  
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5           **Whereas**, the Department of Social Services provides funding for important  
6 programs for over one million Missourians, primarily children, people with disabilities and the  
7 elderly; and  
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9           **Whereas**, the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations for Social  
10 Services spends over two months every year evaluating the budget for the Department of Social  
11 Services but has no time to closely examine the core budget of the Department where the  
12 majority of the funding is located; and  
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14           **Whereas**, at a minimum seventy-six legislative districts will be represented by new  
15 legislators in 2003, greatly affecting the number of legislators with a working knowledge of the  
16 budget; and  
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18           **Whereas**, a detailed summary and analysis of the core of the budget of the  
19 Department of Social Services and a thorough evaluation of the effectiveness of the Department's  
20 programs in serving our young, disabled and elderly citizens and an appraisal of whether the  
21 Department uses the funds in a fiscally responsible manner would be a valuable guide to future  
22 legislators evaluating the budget for the Department of Social Services:  
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24           **Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the members of the Missouri House

25 of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, that a House  
26 Interim Committee of the General Assembly be created, to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
27 House of Representatives by June 1, 2001 , and that said committee be authorized to function  
28 during the interim between the First Regular Session and the Second Regular Session of the  
29 Ninety-first General Assembly; and  
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31 **Be it further resolved** that said committee make an in-depth analysis of the  
32 budget of the Department of Social Services and evaluate the effectiveness of the Department's  
33 programs and appraise the Department's spending practices including the solicitation of  
34 information from appropriate state agencies and the public; and  
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36 **Be it further resolved** that the committee be authorized to hold hearings  
37 as it deems advisable, and that the staff of House Research provide such legal, research, clerical,  
38 technical services and staff of the Committee on Legislative Research provide such drafting  
39 services as requested by the committee; and  
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41 **Be it further resolved** that the committee, its members, and any staff  
42 personnel assigned to the committee shall receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary  
43 expenses incurred in attending meetings of the committee or any subcommittee thereof; and  
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45 **Be it further resolved** that the committee report its findings to the Missouri  
46 General Assembly by December 1, 2001, and the authority of such committee shall terminate  
47 on December 31, 2001.