

HCS SS SB 58 -- COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

SPONSOR: Dixon (Austin)

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill changes the laws regarding committees, boards, commissions, and task forces.

The bill repeals the provisions regarding a joint legislative committee that was created to oversee the destruction of certain documents by the Commissioner of Administration and the Division of Finance (Sections 33.150 and 361.120, RSMo).

The membership of the Governmental Emergency Fund Committee is modified by designating the Commissioner of Administration as ex officio comptroller of the committee and replacing the Director of the Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction with the Director of the Department of Revenue as consultant to the committee (Section 33.710).

Technical modifications are made to the provisions regarding the Criminal Records and Justice Information Advisory Committee and references to non-existent boards and commissions are repealed (Sections 43.518, 160.530, 191.828, 217.550, 217.567, 320.092, and 348.439).

Marital and family therapy provided by a licensed marital and family therapist are added to the services that may be paid under MO HealthNet (Section 208.152).

The bill allows any board or commission within the Division of Professional Registration in the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration to issue, at its discretion, oral or written opinions addressing topics relating to the qualifications, functions, or duties of any profession licensed by the board or commission issuing the guidance. Any opinion is for educational purposes only and is in no way binding on the licensees of the respective board or commission and cannot be used as the basis for any discipline against any licensee. A board or commission may not address topics of any profession licensed by a different board or commission (Section 324.023).

Currently, the State Mental Health Commission includes one member who is a physician recognized as an expert in the evaluation or habilitation of persons with disabilities. The bill requires that

member to be a physician, licensed clinical psychologist, or other licensed clinician recognized as an expert in the evaluation or treatment of persons with disabilities (Section 630.010).

The bill repeals the provisions regarding several committees, commissions, and a task force that have been dissolved or expired as required by their authorizing statutes, including:

- (1) The Advisory Committee on Tobacco Securitization (Section 8.597);
- (2) The Joint Committee on Corrections (Sections 21.400 - 21.465);
- (3) The Joint Committee on Capital Improvements and Leases Oversight (Sections 21.530 - 21.537);
- (4) The Joint Committee on Missouri's Energy Future (Section 21.830);
- (5) The Joint Committee on the Missouri Criminal Code to evaluate removal of offenses from the Sexual Offender Registry (Section 21.835);
- (6) The Joint Committee on Solid Waste Management District Operations (Section 21.850);
- (7) The Joint Committee on Missouri's Promise (Section 21.920);
- (8) The Missouri Investment Trust and its board of trustees (Sections 30.953 - 30.971);
- (9) The Joint Subcommittee on Recovery Accountability and Transparency within the Joint Committee on Legislative Research (Section 33.850);
- (10) The Committee on State-operated Wireless Communication Systems (Section 37.250);
- (11) The Joint Committee on Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment (Section 99.863);
- (12) The Joint Committee of General Assembly to review Economic Stimulus Act (Section 99.971);
- (13) The Joint Committee of General Assembly to review Rural Economic Stimulus Act (Section 99.1057);
- (14) The SB 844 (2010) version of the provisions that created the Missouri Ethics Commission (Section 105.955);

- (15) The Children's Vision Commission (Section 167.195);
- (16) The Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee (Section 191.934);
- (17) The Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force (Section 192.632);
- (18) The State Commission on Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing (Sections 215.261 and 215.262);
- (19) The Joint Committee on Gaming and Wagering (Section 313.001);  
and
- (20) The Missouri Oral Chemotherapy Parity Interim Committee (Section 338.321).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help repeal and modify obsolete statutes.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Dixon.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.