

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE AUNE.

2242H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state is one
2 of the most important duties of the Missouri state government; and

3

4 **WHEREAS**, gun violence is a national epidemic; and

5

6 **WHEREAS**, Missouri has the fourth-highest gun-violence rate in the United States;
7 and

8

9 **WHEREAS**, on October 24, 2022, there was a mass shooting at Central Visual and
10 Performing Arts High School in St. Louis, killing three, including the perpetrator, and
11 wounding seven; and

12

13 **WHEREAS**, other states have enacted various laws to address gun violence, and
14 these different approaches provide an opportunity to examine which laws successfully reduce
15 gun violence; and

16

17 **WHEREAS**, it is crucial to determine whether Missouri's gun laws are working
18 effectively and whether additional legislative action would be beneficial:

19

20 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
21 Representatives of the One Hundred Second General Assembly, First Regular Session, the
22 Senate concurring therein, hereby establish the "Joint Committee on Gun Violence and
23 Legislation"; and

24

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the mission of the Joint Committee on Gun
26 Violence and Legislation is to:

27

28 (1) Review gun laws currently in effect in Missouri;

29

30 (2) Consult with and hear testimony of gun-law experts and community members with
31 experience relating to gun laws;

32

33 (3) Study and discuss gun laws in other states;

34

35 (4) Discuss and determine whether new gun laws would reduce gun violence in
36 Missouri; and

37

38 (5) Develop recommendations for the General Assembly on possible legislative action
39 regarding gun laws; and

40

41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee on Gun Violence and
42 Legislation shall consist of the following members:

43

44 (1) Four members of the majority party of the House of Representatives, appointed by
45 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

46

47 (2) Four members of the minority party of the House of Representatives, appointed by
48 the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

49

50 (3) Four members of the majority party of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro
51 Tempore of the Senate; and

52

53 (4) Four members of the minority party of the Senate, appointed by the minority
54 leader of the Senate; and

55

56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the staffs of House Research, Senate Research,
57 and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical,
58 technical, and bill drafting services as the Joint Committee on Gun Violence and Legislation
59 may require in the performance of its duties; and

60

61 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee on Gun Violence and
62 Legislation, its members, and any staff assigned to the Joint Committee shall receive
63 reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Joint
64 Committee or any subcommittee thereof; and

65

66 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee shall meet within two
67 months of the adoption of this resolution; and

68

69 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee shall report a summary of
70 its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the General Assembly before
71 January 1, 2024; and

72

73 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee is authorized to function
74 during the legislative interim of the first regular session of the One Hundred Second General
75 Assembly, as authorized by State v. Atterbury, 300 S.W.2d 806 (Mo. 1957); and

76

77 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee shall terminate on January
78 1, 2024; and

79

80 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
81 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
82 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

✓