

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 87

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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

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

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

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

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

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15           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
16 Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
17 concurring therein, hereby establish the Joint Committee on Gun Violence and Legislation; and

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

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

22           (2) Study and discuss gun laws in other states;

23 (3) Discuss and determine whether new gun laws would reduce gun violence in  
24 Missouri; and

25 (4) Develop recommendations for the General Assembly on possible legislative action  
26 regarding gun laws; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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52           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee shall report a summary of its  
53 activities and any recommendations for legislation to the General Assembly before January 1,  
54 2021; and

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56           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee is authorized to function  
57 during the legislative interim of the second regular session of the One Hundredth General  
58 Assembly, as authorized by *State v. Atterbury*, 300 S.W.2d 806 (Mo. 1957); and

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60           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee shall terminate on January  
61 1, 2021; and

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63           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
64 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the  
65 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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