

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 38

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE AUNE.

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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 seventh-highest gun-violence rate in the United States;  
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9           **WHEREAS**, other states have enacted various laws to address gun violence, and these  
10 different approaches provide an opportunity to examine which laws successfully reduce gun  
11 violence; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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55           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee shall report a summary of its  
56 activities and any recommendations for legislation to the General Assembly before January 1,  
57 2022; and

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

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63           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Joint Committee shall terminate on January  
64 1, 2022; and

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

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