

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.20

Speaker Chatfield offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to create the Joint Select Committee
2 on the COVID-19 Pandemic.

3 Whereas, It is the inherent responsibility of the Legislature
4 to oversee the operations of the executive branch and ensure the
5 effective implementation and operation of state government
6 programs. The Michigan Legislature passed the Emergency Management
7 Act in 1976 and other related laws to grant the Governor certain
8 responsibilities for coping with dangers to this state and the
9 people of this state presented by a disaster or emergency; and

10 Whereas, On March 10, 2020, Governor Whitmer issued Executive
11 Order 2020-04 declaring a state of emergency across the state of
12 Michigan to address the COVID-19 pandemic; and

13 Whereas, On April 1, 2020, Governor Whitmer issued Executive
14 Order 2020-33 to replace Executive Order 2020-04 and expand that

1 initial March 10, 2020, declaration to include a state of disaster
2 related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

3 Whereas, On April 7, 2020, the Legislature extended the
4 declared states of emergency and disaster until April 30, 2020;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
7 concurring), That there be created the Joint Select Committee on
8 the COVID-19 Pandemic. The joint select committee shall consist of
9 five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
10 Speaker of the House, two from the House Democratic Caucus
11 recommended by the House Minority Leader and three from the House
12 Republican Caucus, and five members of the Senate appointed by the
13 Senate Majority Leader, two from the Senate Democratic Caucus
14 recommended by the Senate Minority Leader and three from the Senate
15 Republican Caucus. The Speaker of the House shall designate the
16 chairperson of the joint select committee, and the Senate Majority
17 leader shall designate the vice chairperson; and be it further

18 Resolved, That, pursuant to MCL 4.541, the joint select
19 committee may subpoena and have produced before it the records and
20 files of any state department, board, institution or agency, and it
21 shall be the duty of any state department, board, institution or
22 agency to produce before the joint select committee as required by
23 the subpoena, or permit the members of the committee to inspect its
24 records and files; and be it further

25 Resolved, That the joint select committee shall examine the
26 status and efficacy of governmental actions in response to the
27 COVID-19 pandemic in Michigan. The joint select committee shall
28 report to the Legislature a summary of its findings and
29 conclusions, as well as any recommendations on further appropriate

- 1 actions the Legislature may take to address the COVID-19 pandemic
- 2 and to prevent or prepare for similar emergencies in the state.