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# **HOUSE BILL NO. 2171**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

## **AN ACT**

To repeal section 37.023, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to workforce opportunity inclusion on state-funded projects.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

- Section A. Section 37.023, RSMo, is repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 37.023, 290.170, and 620.2557, to read as follows:
  - 37.023. **1.** The office of administration shall promulgate rules for a plan to certify women's and minority business enterprises as defined in section 37.020.
- 2. Any minority business enterprise, as defined in section 37.020, that seeks to work on a state-funded project shall receive certification as a minority business enterprise by the state. No other entity shall certify such business enterprises as minority business enterprises.
  - 290.170. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any public body engaged in the construction of public works shall ensure that apprentices work at least twenty percent of the hours spent on any such project.
  - 2. For purposes of this section, the terms "construction", "public body", and "public works" shall have the same meaning such terms are given in section 290.210.
  - 3. For purposes of this section, the term "apprentice" shall have the same meaning as the term "learner and apprentice" is given in section 290.500.
- 620.2557. 1. The department of economic development shall establish a job training program for persons of low and moderate income as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 5302(a)(20). The program shall provide such persons with the necessary training that

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4 would allow them to find gainful employment on state-funded projects in this state. The department shall market such program. 5

- 2. For the first year after the program has been established, twenty-five percent of jobs for state-funded projects shall be filled by qualified persons who have participated in the program, after which thirty-five percent of jobs for state-funded projects shall be filled with qualified program participants.
- 3. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "State-Funded Project Program Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated to it by the general assembly. 12 The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this section.
  - (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.
  - (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.
- 22 4. The department of economic development shall prepare and submit an annual 23 report to the general assembly:
  - (1) Providing the recruitment process to fill state-funded projects under this section; and
- (2) Providing information on the success of the job training program, including the 26 27 number of persons who have completed the program.
  - 5. This section shall become effective January 1, 2018.