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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri commission for the deaf and hard of hearing.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 161.412, to read as follows:

**161.412. 1. Subject to appropriations, the Missouri commission  
2 for the deaf and hard of hearing shall provide grants to:**

3 **(1) Organizations that provide services for deaf-blind children  
4 and their families. Such services may include providing family support  
5 advocates to assist deaf-blind children in participating in their  
6 communities and family education specialists to teach parents and  
7 siblings skills to support the deaf-blind children in their family;**

8 **(2) Organizations that provide services for deaf-blind  
9 adults. Such grants shall be used to provide assistance to deaf-blind  
10 adults who are working towards establishing and maintaining  
11 independence; and**

12 **(3) Organizations that train support service providers. Such  
13 grants shall be used to provide training that will lead to certification  
14 of support service providers in Missouri.**

15 **2. The commission shall use a request-for-proposal process to  
16 award the grants in this section. Organizations that receive grants  
17 under this section may expend the grant for any purpose authorized in  
18 this section.**

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