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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 660, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to homelessness.

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

Section A. Chapter 660, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 660.850, to read as follows:

660.850. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Continuum of care", the same meaning as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the federal ESGP, 24 CFR 576.2;

(2) "Continuum of care service area", the entire geographic area within the boundaries of a continuum of care;

(3) "Department", the department of social services;

(4) "Federal ESGP", the federal Emergency Solutions Grants Program as implemented by Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 11371 to 11378, and any amendments thereto, and the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009, 42 U.S.C. Sections 11302 to 11304 and 11360 to 11378, and any amendments and any implementing federal regulations, including 24 CFR 576, thereto;

(5) "Homeless", the same meaning as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the federal ESGP, 24 CFR 576.2;

(6) "Missouri ESGP", the Missouri Emergency Solutions Grants Program implemented under this section and its accompanying regulations;

(7) "Subrecipient", an entity that enters into a written agreement

22 with the department to implement activities under this section.

23 2. There shall hereby be established a "Missouri Emergency
24 Solutions Grants Program", to be administered by the department in
25 cooperation with the Missouri housing development
26 commission. Funding for the Missouri ESGP shall be subject to
27 appropriations. The Missouri ESGP shall be designed to address the
28 problem of homelessness in Missouri. The department shall make
29 grants to qualifying subrecipients throughout the state to implement
30 activities that address the needs of homeless individuals and families
31 and assist them in regaining stability in permanent housing as quickly
32 as possible. Funded activities may include activities eligible under the
33 federal ESGP, including, but not limited to, the following:

34 (1) Engaging homeless individuals and families living on the
35 street;

36 (2) Operating homeless shelters and providing essential services
37 to shelter residents;

38 (3) Rapidly rehousing homeless individuals and families; and

39 (4) Preventing individuals and families from becoming homeless.
40 Additionally, the Missouri ESGP may facilitate technical assistance to
41 improve the capacity of subrecipients and the continuum of care to end
42 homelessness.

43 3. The Missouri ESGP shall be administered by the department
44 in a manner consistent with the federal ESGP. The department may, as
45 needed, make modifications to the Missouri ESGP to address the
46 purposes of this section or to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of
47 the Missouri ESGP, including, but not limited to, the following:

48 (1) The participation of all continuum of care service areas
49 within Missouri, using a formula distribution that reflects the entire
50 continuum of care service area; and

51 (2) The modification of formula factors in the federal ESGP for
52 use in the Missouri ESGP.

53 4. The department shall promulgate rules to carry out the
54 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
55 defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated
56 in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is
57 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section
58 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of

59 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536,
60 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
61 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
62 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2017, shall
63 be invalid and void.

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