

HB 771 -- Missouri State Foster Care and Adoptive Parents
Recruitment and Retention Fund and Board

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This bill creates the Foster Care and Adoptive Parents Recruitment and Retention Fund and establishes the Foster Care and Adoptive Parents Recruitment and Retention Fund Board within the Department of Social Services. The fund will consist of all gifts, donations, transfers, bequests, and appropriations from the General Assembly and will be administered by the board. Upon appropriation, moneys in the fund must be used to grant awards to licensed community-based foster care and adoption recruitment programs. The programs must include, but are not limited to, recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive families for children who:

- (1) Have been in out-of-home placement for 15 months or more;
- (2) Are over 12 years of age; or
- (3) Are in sibling groups.

The provisions of the bill expire six years after the effective date.