

HCS HB 1608 -- UNFUNDED AND OBSOLETE PROGRAMS

SPONSOR: McNary (White)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute repeals provisions and sections of law regarding unfunded and obsolete programs and establishes expiration dates for specified provisions.

The substitute repeals the provisions regarding the requirement that the MO HealthNet Division develop pay-for-performance payment program guidelines (Section 208.153).

The substitute repeals the sections regarding:

(1) A duplicating equipment unit and a records management center established by the Commissioner of Administration (Sections 37.115, 37.125, 37.300, 37.310, 37.320, 37.330, 37.340, 37.360, 37.370, and 37.390);

(2) The central registry for not-for-profit human services providers in the Office of Administration (Section 37.500);

(3) The Veterans Historical Education Trust Fund (Sections 42.014 and 42.015);

(4) The Missouri Senior Cadets Program (Section 160.375);

(5) The Research-based Reform Program (Section 160.542);

(6) The Persistence to Graduation Fund (Section 160.950);

(7) The Disability Freeze Fund (Section 161.182);

(8) The Student Suicide Prevention Grant Program (Section 161.235);

(9) The Volunteer and Parents Incentive Program (Section 161.800);

(10) The New Schools Pilot Project (Section 162.1010);

(11) The Missouri Preschool Plus Grant Program (Section 162.1168);

(12) The Model School Wellness Program (Section 167.229);

(13) The Extended Day Child Care Program Act (Sections 167.290 -

167.310);

(14) The Alternative Education Act (Sections 167.320 - 167.332);

(15) The Missouri Teacher Corps Program (Section 168.430);

(16) The Missouri Prospective Teacher Loan Program (Sections 168.550 - 168.595);

(17) The Missouri Critical Teacher Shortage Forgivable Loan Program (Section 168.600);

(18) Certain teachers who retired prior to July 1, 1957, being able to be employed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as a special advisor and supervisor in connection with state educational problems (Section 169.580);

(19) Technology grants to school districts from the State Board of Education within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Section 170.254);

(20) The requirement that the Coordinating Board for Higher Education request appropriations based on the number of students receiving Pell grants (Section 173.053);

(21) The Student Loan Default State Risk Sharing Program (Section 173.055);

(22) The Undergraduate Scholarship Program administered by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Section 173.198);

(23) The Graduate Fellowship Program administered by the coordinating board (Section 173.199);

(24) The Missouri Educational Employees' Memorial Scholarship Program (Section 173.267);

(25) The requirement that Missouri promote research and applied projects and the provisions regarding the Higher Education Research Fund (Sections 173.500 - 173.565);

(26) The Higher Education Artistic Scholarship Program (Section 173.724);

(27) The Higher Education Graduate Study Scholarship Program (Section 173.727);

(28) The Missouri Fibromyalgia Awareness Initiative Program and the Missouri Fibromyalgia Panel (Section 191.390);

(29) The requirement that licensed physicians providing obstetrical or gynecological care to a pregnant woman counsel all patients as to the perinatal effects of cigarettes, alcohol, and controlled substances and that the Department of Health and Senior Services establish a toll-free information line to provide information on resources for substance abuse treatment, establish protocols based on a risk assessment profile to be used by health care providers to identify high risk pregnancies, and conduct periodic tests on a sample of women or infants at the time of delivery (Sections 191.727, 191.733, 191.735, 191.741, and 191.745);

(30) The requirement that the Attorney General report to the General Assembly and the Governor on specified information regarding the MO HealthNet Fraud Unit within the Attorney General's Office and the Provider Integrity Unit within the Department of Social Services (Section 191.909);

(31) An osteoporosis prevention and education program (Sections 192.640 - 192.644);

(32) A state systemic lupus erythematosus program in the Department of Health and Senior Services (Section 192.729);

(33) The local registrar's fee for the transmission of records to the State Registrar (Sections 193.295 and 193.305);

(34) A demonstration project designed to establish a licensure category for health care facilities that wish to provide treatment to persons with Alzheimer's disease or Alzheimer's-related dementia (Section 198.086);

(35) The aging in place pilot program (Section 198.531);

(36) Housing assistance to parents of children who are at imminent danger of removal and placement or who are in the custody of the Department of Social Services (Section 207.150);

(37) A pilot project created by the Director of the Division of Medical Services within the Department of Social Services to provide up to 1,000 recipients of unemployment compensation with medical assistance (Section 208.179);

(38) The requirement that the Director of the MO HealthNet Division within the Department of Social Services implement a program to make certain nonaggregated Medicaid data available through its website and submit specified reports to the General Assembly and the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee on the program (Section 208.192);

(39) A pilot project premium offset program for making standardized private health insurance coverage available to qualified individuals (Section 208.202);

(40) The Elders Volunteer for Elders Project Act (Sections 208.309 - 208.315);

(41) Pilot programs that promote community renewal and revitalization to enhance the quality of life for community residents and the Youth Build St. Louis Program (Section 208.335);

(42) The Transitional Benefits Demonstration Project within the Division of Family Services in the Department of Social Services (Sections 208.500 - 208.507);

(43) A one-stop shop and single-entry point program for elderly citizens to all available elderly services and programs (Section 208.612);

(44) An unmet needs report to be implemented by the Division of Aging (Section 208.615);

(45) The Welfare to Work Protection Act (Sections 208.700 - 208.720);

(46) The corrections officer certification commission (Section 217.105);

(47) The Missouri regimented discipline program of institutional correctional alternatives in discipline, exercise, and treatment (Section 217.378);

(48) Sustainable agriculture demonstration projects within the Department of Agriculture (Section 261.105);

(49) The requirement that the Department of Agriculture develop standards and labeling for organic farming and provisions regarding the Organic Production and Certification Fee Fund (Sections 261.110 and 261.120);

(50) The Director of the Department of Agriculture being able to pay part of the cash premiums offered by agricultural fairs (Section 262.460);

(51) A requirement that each bedding manufacturer, renovator, or sanitizer must register and obtain an initial permit and permit number from the Department of Health and Senior Services (Section 421.028);

(52) The Grandparents as Foster Parents Program (Sections 453.322 and 453.325);

(53) The Commission on Judicial Resources (Section 476.415);

(54) The developmental disability stipend and the Family Support Loan Program Fund under the Family Services Support Program for Developmental Disability (Sections 633.180 and 633.185);

(55) The Department of Social Services to include in its budget recommendation moneys for loans for physicians and nurses who serve in medically underserved areas of the state, health care initiatives, and transitional Medicaid expenses of certain Aid to Families with Dependant Children recipients (Section 660.016);

(56) Certain caseload standards for employees of the Department of Social Services (Sections 660.019 - 660.021);

(57) The Combined Senior Citizen Services Center/Residential Health Care Facility/Child Day Care Center Community Grants Program (Sections 660.530 - 660.545); and

(58) An area agency on aging being allowed to establish a volunteer transportation program for health care-related purposes (Section 660.725).

The substitute establishes the following expiration dates for the provisions regarding:

(1) The Women's Heart Health Program, three years after the effective date of the substitute (Section 191.425);

(2) The evaluation process of the departments of Health and Senior Services and Social Services of on-site surveyors of long-term care facilities, one year after the effective date of the substitute (Sections 198.087 and 198.527); and

(3) The Department of Social Services making available for purchase a health insurance policy through the Medicaid Program, one year after the effective date of the substitute (Section 208.178).

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill eliminates obsolete and unfunded statutes. Programs and funds have been created that have never been funded. These programs can be re-instituted in the future if moneys become available.

Testifying for the bill was Representative White for Representative McNary.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that some of the programs being repealed are still being utilized.

Testifying against the bill were Catholic Charities Archdiocese of St. Louis; Missouri Coalition of Children Agencies; Missouri Health Care Association; and Missouri Association of Counties.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that the bill incorporates recommendations from a report by the Oversight Division of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.

Testifying on the bill was Office of Administration.