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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 37, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri office of equal opportunity.

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

Section A. Chapter 37, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 37.675, to read as follows:

37.675. 1. There is hereby established in the office of administration the "Missouri Office of Equal Opportunity". All authority, powers, and privileges of the state office of equal employment opportunity, which was established by executive order, shall be transferred to the Missouri office of equal opportunity.

2. The Missouri office of equal opportunity shall have the mission to ensure that all present and prospective employees are afforded equal opportunity at all levels and phases of employment within state government with respect to, but not limited to, hiring, recruiting, training, benefits, promotions, transfers, layoffs, demotions, terminations, rate of compensation, and recalls from layoffs. It shall also work to ensure that the state does not discriminate against any person on account of age, ancestry, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

3. (1) The governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint an officer to head the Missouri office of equal opportunity.

(2) Subject to appropriations, the commissioner of administration shall provide the officer with such facilities, staff, resources, equipment, and supplies as are necessary to carry out the duties set forth herein. The officer shall submit a proposal each fiscal year

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 to the commissioner of administration detailing the needs of the Missouri office of equal
18 opportunity.

19 (3) The officer shall be the state's chief compliance officer to ensure that the state
20 is complying with all federal and state laws concerning equal employment opportunity and
21 workforce diversity.

22 4. The Missouri office of equal opportunity shall have the following duties and
23 responsibilities:

24 (1) To assist in the coordination and implementation of workforce diversity
25 programs throughout all departments and offices of state government;

26 (2) To advise the governor on issues regarding equal employment opportunity,
27 workforce diversity, efforts to administer workforce diversity action goals, and timetables
28 for implementation throughout the departments and offices of state government;

29 (3) To review progress reports of state departments and offices and meet biannually
30 with each department director to evaluate departmental results and determine the course
31 of future workforce diversity goals, timetables, recruiting, planning, and implementation.
32 The results of each meeting shall be reported in writing to the commissioner of
33 administration;

34 (4) Before January first of each year, to provide a report to the commissioner of
35 administration, general assembly, and governor that summarizes the activities of each
36 department and that contains recommendations for additional programs to accomplish the
37 mission of the Missouri office of equal opportunity; and

38 (5) To monitor all departments and offices of state government and assist them in
39 ensuring equal employment opportunity.

40 5. Each state department shall submit a revised workforce diversity plan to the
41 Missouri office of equal opportunity on or before September thirtieth of each year. The
42 primary responsibility for developing the workforce diversity plan shall rest with each
43 department director. The Missouri office of equal opportunity shall review and approve
44 each submitted plan.

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