

HB 718 -- Catalog of Assistance Programs

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This bill requires the Secretary of State to develop a Missouri Catalog of Assistance Programs to serve as the repository of information for public assistance programs. The catalog must be available in a printed form and in an electronic form that is accessible over the Internet. A task team consisting of one person from each state agency is established to facilitate information gathering for the development of the catalog. The task team must submit a report to the Governor, members of the General Assembly, and the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court proposing a plan to standardize the application for state assistance. The catalog must be operational by June 30, 2004, and it must provide a notice of funding availability. The bill specifies information that must be included in the catalog about each program that is listed. The bill also creates the Missouri Catalog of Assistance Programs Resource Fund, to be administered by the Secretary of State. The fund consists of costs assessed to state agencies based on the percentage of funds the agency represents during each state fiscal year.