

HB 32 -- Missouri Catalog of Assistance Programs

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This bill requires the Office of Administration to develop the Missouri Catalog of Assistance Programs to serve as the repository of information for public assistance programs. The catalog must be available 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 propose a strategic plan to standardize the application of state assistance across all state agencies and allow for electronic submission of applications under one automated grant application system. This proposal must be submitted to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court. The catalog must be operational by June 30, 2006, and provide a notice of funding availability. The section of the catalog pertaining to notices of funding availability must be operational by June 30, 2007. The bill specifies information that must be included in the catalog about each program listed and the types of state programs that must be included.

The bill also creates the Missouri Catalog of Assistance Programs Resource Fund, to be administered by the Office of Administration. The cost of the fund will be shared by the state agencies who have programs in the catalog. The cost to an individual agency will be based on the percentage of funds the agency represents in the catalog during each state fiscal year.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.