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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 208.345, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to public assistance recipients.

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

Section A. Section 208.345, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.345, to read as follows:

208.345. **1.** The **family support** division [of family services], with the cooperation of the division of vocational rehabilitation, shall establish a protocol where persons who qualify for public assistance, including [aid to families with dependent children] **temporary assistance for needy families**, general relief and medical assistance, because of a disability may be directed to an appropriate federal agency to apply for other benefits. The **family support** division [of family services] shall also establish a procedure to identify applicants and recipients who may be entitled to supplement or supplant state benefits with other benefits through the Social Security Disability, Railroad Retirement, Supplemental Security Income, Veterans, Qualified Medicare Beneficiary and Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary and other programs.

2. The **family support** division shall refer all recipients of Medicaid benefits whose eligibility for Medicaid benefits is based on disability and who are sixteen years of age or older to the division of vocational rehabilitation, unless such recipient's disability is a permanent and total disability. At each redetermination of disability, the family support division medical review team shall evaluate such recipient's compliance with vocational

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.

15 **rehabilitation services. Any recipient who fails to comply with vocational rehabilitation**
16 **services shall not be eligible for receipt of Medicaid benefits based on disability.**

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