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# HOUSE BILL NO. 699

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRISAMORE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to youth with disabilities, with an expiration date.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.870, to read as follows:

**161.870. 1. By September 1, 2013, the department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a work group to assess the available resources needed for effective work experiences for youth with disabilities. The work group shall review all interagency coordination of services that match young adults who have disabilities with employers who need employees to ensure that these services are adequately meeting the following needs of disabled individuals who seek employment and need assistance with job placement:**

- (1) Recruitment;**
- (2) Assessment;**
- (3) Counseling;**
- (4) Pre-employment skills training;**
- (5) Vocational training;**
- (6) Student wages for try-out employment;**
- (7) Placement in unsubsidized employment; and**
- (8) Other assistance with transition to a quality adult life.**

**2. The goal of the work group shall be to evaluate the current efforts and available resources and to promote the involvement of key stakeholders including students, families, educators, employers and other agencies in planning and implementing an array of services**

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.

18 that will culminate in successful student transition to employment, lifelong learning, and  
19 quality of life. The work group shall focus on secondary students with disabilities, adults  
20 with disabilities, and other individuals who experience barriers to successful completion  
21 of school. The work group shall assess the strengths and need for improvement in services  
22 for transition services, instruction, and experiences that reinforce core curriculum concepts  
23 and skills leading to gainful employment. The work group shall determine if any  
24 additional state partnerships provided through nonfinancial interagency agreements  
25 between the department of health and senior services, the department of economic  
26 development, the department of mental health, or the department of social services, or in  
27 the private sector, are needed to enhance the employment potential of individuals with  
28 disabilities. The work group shall focus its efforts in developing careers for these youth,  
29 to prevent economic and social dependency on state and community agencies and  
30 resources.

31 3. The department of elementary and secondary education shall make  
32 recommendations based on the findings of the work group and report them to the general  
33 assembly prior to January 1, 2014.

34 4. The work group shall be administered and its members chosen by the  
35 commissioner of education. Work group members shall include existing personnel and  
36 human resources available to the department of elementary and secondary education  
37 including but not limited to representatives from state agencies, local advocacy groups and  
38 community members with valuable input regarding the needs of disabled students and  
39 individuals, or members of the general assembly.

40 5. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate all  
41 necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion  
42 of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority  
43 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all  
44 of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and  
45 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
46 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul  
47 a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and  
48 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013, shall be invalid and void.

Section B. The provisions of this act shall terminate on January 1, 2014.

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