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AN ACT

To repeal section 620.515, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the show-me heroes program.

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

Section A. Section 620.515, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 620.515, to read as follows:

620.515. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Show-Me Heroes" program, the purpose of which is to:

(1) Assist the spouse of an active duty National Guard or reserve component service member reservist and active duty United States military personnel to address immediate needs and employment in an attempt to keep the family from falling into poverty while the primary income earner is on active duty, and during the ~~one-year~~ **five-year** period following discharge from deployment; and

(2) Assist returning National Guard troops or reserve component service member reservists and recently separated United States military personnel with finding work in situations where an individual needs to rebuild business clientele or where an individual's job has been eliminated while such individual was deployed, or where the individual otherwise cannot return to his or her previous employment.

2. Subject to appropriation, the department of economic development shall operate the Show-Me heroes program through existing programs. Eligibility for the program shall be based on the following criteria:

(1) Eligible participants in the program shall be those families where:

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 (a) The primary income earner was called to active duty in defense of the United States
18 for a period of more than four months;
- 19 (b) The family's primary income is no longer available;
- 20 (c) The family is experiencing significant hardship due to financial burdens; and
- 21 (d) The family has no outside resources available to assist with such hardships;
- 22 (2) Services that may be provided to the family will be aimed at ameliorating the
23 immediate crisis and providing a path for economic stability while the primary income is not
24 available due to the active military commitment. Services shall be made available up to ~~one~~
25 **year] five years** following discharge from deployment. Services may include, but not be limited
26 to the following:
- 27 (a) Financial assistance to families facing financial crisis from overdue bills;
- 28 (b) Help paying day care costs to pursue training and or employment;
- 29 (c) Help covering the costs of transportation to training and or employment;
- 30 (d) Vocational evaluation and vocational counseling to help the individual choose a
31 visible employment goal;
- 32 (e) Vocational training to acquire or upgrade skills needed to be marketable in the
33 workforce;
- 34 (f) Paid internships and subsidized employment to train on the job; and
- 35 (g) Job placement assistance for those who don't require skills training.
- 36 3. ~~[The department shall structure any contract such that payment will be based on~~
37 ~~delivering the services described in this section as well as performance to guarantee the greatest~~
38 ~~possible effectiveness of the program.]~~
- 39 ~~4.]~~ The department shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.
40 Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
41 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject
42 to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and
43 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant
44 to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
45 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed
46 or adopted after August 28, 2012, shall be invalid and void.

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