

HB 1736 -- EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

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This bill establishes the "Missouri Earned Income Tax Credit Act" which authorizes an individual income tax credit. The credit will be 5% of the federal tax credit in 2019, 10% of the federal tax credit in 2020, 15% of the federal tax credit in 2021, and 20% of the federal tax credit beginning in 2022 and for any year after. Any credit that exceeds the taxpayer's liability in any tax year will be refunded to the taxpayer. The Department of Revenue must notify taxpayers who may qualify for the credit and must contract with one or more nonprofit groups to contact non-English speaking individuals, elderly residents, tenants, and very low-income individuals who do not file tax returns to notify them annually of the credit. The department must prepare an annual report containing the number of credits issued and claimed, the total amount of revenue expended, and the average value of the credits issued within certain income ranges.

This bill is similar to HB 1357 (2018), HB 109 (2017), and HB 1605 (2016).