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HOUSE BILL NO. 2659

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MESSENGER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri legislative information center.

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

Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 21.940, to read as follows:

21.940. 1. The chair of the budget committee of the house of representatives may regularly employ and fix the compensation of a director who is competent to assume administration of the necessary activities of the legislative information center. All employees of the Missouri legislative information center shall be under the supervision of the director, and he or she shall assign and supervise all work projects of those employees and keep all necessary personnel records for those employees and others of the legislative information center if so directed.

2. The director of the Missouri legislative information center may provide necessary reports and other publications to be kept in the library of the legislative information center and pay for the same out of any appropriations made to the legislative information center.

3. The director of the Missouri legislative information center may employ personnel necessary to carry out the duties of such office within the limits of any appropriation made for such purpose. Persons employed to work in the Missouri legislative information center shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation and shall be professional persons possessing a necessary knowledge and demonstrated expertise in the functions and policy of state government.

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 **4. The director of the Missouri legislative information center may contract with**
19 **public and private entities, within the limits of appropriation, for analysis and study of**
20 **current governmental and budgetary issues.**

21 **5. The director of the Missouri legislative information center is hereby authorized**
22 **to prepare and provide reports to members of the general assembly as he or she deems**
23 **appropriate. The chair of the budget committee of the house of representatives may**
24 **request research and information regarding any issue relating to state government.**

25 **6. The director of the Missouri legislative information center shall conduct program**
26 **evaluations of state agencies including, but not limited to, program evaluations involving**
27 **budget and accountability.**

28 **7. The staff of any state agency, or any agency that receives state funding, subject**
29 **to a program evaluation shall fully cooperate with the director or staff of the legislative**
30 **information center and shall provide all necessary information and assistance for such an**
31 **evaluation. All records of an agency, unless otherwise expressly declared by law to be**
32 **confidential, may be inspected by the legislative information center staff while conducting**
33 **the evaluation, and the agency subject to the evaluation shall afford the legislative**
34 **information center ample opportunity to observe agency operations.**

35 **8. All evaluations shall be completed within a reasonable amount of time unless an**
36 **extension is authorized by the chair of the budget committee of the house of**
37 **representatives, but progress reports shall be made to the chair at least annually.**

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