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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 704
98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Governmental Accountability and Fiscal Oversight, January 28, 2016, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 37, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the transparency and accountability of public funds.

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

Section A. Chapter 37, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 37.851 and 37.852, to read as follows:

37.851. 1. Every department and division of the state, including the general assembly and the office of any statewide elected official, shall document and make easily available to the public on the Missouri accountability portal established in section 37.850, the following information for all contracts entered into greater than two thousand five hundred dollars for the provision of legal services by a private law firm:

(1) The dollar amount of each such contract; and

(2) A brief summary of the legal services to be provided by the firm.

2. The office of administration shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or

21 adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

37.852. Any political subdivision, state agency, state department,
2 or institution of higher education which receives public funds shall
3 make easily available to the public on the Missouri accountability
4 portal all final audit reports issued by the state auditor or any other
5 outside auditor. In the event that such entity is already required to
6 make such an audit report electronically available to the public on the
7 internet, the provisions of this section shall be satisfied if the entity
8 provides an internet website address on the portal which links to the
9 audit report.

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