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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 205, RSMo, by adding thereto four new sections relating to the family and community trust.

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

Section A. Chapter 205, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto four new sections, to be known as sections 205.1000, 205.1005, 205.1010 and 205.1015, to read as follows:

**205.1000. Sections 205.1000 to 205.1015 shall be known and may be cited as the "Family and Community Trust Act".**

**205.1005. 1. There is hereby created the "Family and Community Trust". The trust shall be governed by a board which shall include the directors of the departments of corrections, elementary and secondary education, health, labor and industrial relations, economic development, mental health, public safety and social services. The board shall also include nine private sector members of various backgrounds reflective of the geographic and demographic diversity of the state, including persons with evaluation expertise and experience with business partnerships, with knowledge of community organization and support systems, and of the needs and circumstances of children and families. Members shall be residents of the state of Missouri. The private sector members shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, based on recommendations from private and public community-based organizations or individuals. Additional department directors may be appointed; however, an additional private sector member shall be appointed for each additional department director appointed. Private sector members shall serve staggered three-**

year terms and shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. The governor may appoint nonvoting members to the trust as deemed appropriate by the governor and the trust board.

2. The board shall elect from among its membership cochairpersons, one each from the public and private sectors. Members of the board shall receive no compensation, but may receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as members of the board.

3. The purpose of the trust is to provide leadership through a public-private partnership, in collaboration with community agencies and organizations, to measurably improve the well-being of Missouri's families, children, individuals and communities, and encourage collaboration among public and private entities to build and strengthen comprehensive community-based support systems. The trust shall also coordinate its efforts with other statewide boards and commissions to advise the governor and legislature on statewide goals and objectives to improve the well-being of Missouri's families, children, individuals and communities through the efficient and effective coordination of state resources.

**205.1010. 1.** The trust, a body corporate and politic, shall have the following powers together with all other powers incidental thereto or necessary for the performance thereof; provided, however, that the trust shall not supersede the statutory authority of the state departments:

(1) To receive, accept and utilize gifts, grants, donations, contributions, money, property, facilities and services, with or without consideration, from any person, firm, corporation, foundation or other entity, or from this state or any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, from the United States government or any agency, instrumentality thereof, for the purpose of providing sustained technical support and training for state agencies and communities in their attempts to improve the well-being of Missouri's families, children, individuals and communities. Technical training and support shall be available through representatives of state agencies, existing community agencies, community development specialists and qualified researchers;

(2) To create plans, in collaboration with community agencies and state agencies, that identify a common core of measurable results across communities, that assure accountability, and that incorporate interagency and community strategies and other initiatives to improve the well-being of families, children, individuals and communities;

(3) To monitor the implementation of and evaluate the effectiveness of the action plans in achieving the measurable results across the state;

**(4) To devise strategies to respond to any federal fiscal policy changes affecting programs which impact on the well-being of families, children, individuals and communities in this state, including those changes required by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-193, as amended.**

**2. The trust shall be responsible for advising the governor and the general assembly on state budget or policy changes necessary to achieve:**

**(1) Accountability for measurable results;**

**(2) Bringing services closer to where families live and work, and children attend school;**

**(3) Active community involvement in local decision making to measurably improve the well-being of families, children, individuals and communities;**

**(4) Using dollars more flexibly and effectively to meet community needs and priorities consistent with the appropriations process of the general assembly and state policy goals.**

**3. The trust shall hold at least two public hearings a year. One of these hearings shall be held prior to the development of the departmental budget proposals and the trust shall provide its budget proposals to anyone requesting such proposals prior to the hearing. All other meetings of the trust shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 610, RSMo.**

**205.1015. 1. There is hereby established the "Family and Community Trust Legislative Oversight Committee". The committee shall be comprised of five members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house with no more than three members from any one political party and five members of the senate appointed by the president pro tem of the senate with no more than three members from any one political party.**

**2. The committee shall:**

**(1) Ensure that the family and community trust is overseeing the state's progress in meeting the goal of improving the well-being of families, children, individuals and communities; and**

**(2) Ensure accountability for expenditures of public moneys and measurement of the effectiveness of the plans.**