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AN ACT

To repeal sections 191.211 and 191.411, RSMo 2000, relating to funding for department of health programs, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Sections 191.211 and 191.411, RSMo 2000, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 191.211, 191.213 and 191.411, to read as follows:

191.211. State expenditures for new programs and initiatives enacted by sections [191.411, RSMo, and sections] 103.178, RSMo, 143.999, RSMo, [167.600 to 167.621, RSMo,] 188.230, RSMo, [191.211,] 191.231, 191.825 to 191.839, RSMo, [192.013, RSMo,] 208.177, 208.178, 208.179 and 208.181, RSMo, 211.490, RSMo, 285.240, RSMo, 337.093, RSMo, 374.126, RSMo, 376.891 to 376.894, RSMo, 431.064, RSMo, 660.016, 660.017 and 660.018, RSMo, and the state expenditures for the new initiatives and expansion of programs enacted by revising sections 105.711 and 105.721, RSMo, 191.520, 191.600, 198.090, RSMo, 208.151, 208.152 and 208.215, RSMo, as provided by H.B. 564, 1993, shall be funded exclusively by federal funds and the funding sources established in sections 149.011, 149.015, 149.035, 149.061, 149.065, 149.160, 149.170, 149.180, 149.190 and 149.192, RSMo, and no future general revenue shall be appropriated to fund such new programs or expansions.

191.213. State expenditures for programs and initiatives enacted by section 191.411 and sections 167.600 to 167.621, RSMo, may be funded by federal funds, general revenue funds and any other funds appropriated to fund such programs.

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

191.411. 1. The director of the department of health shall develop and implement a plan to define a system of coordinated health care services available and accessible to all persons, in accordance with the provisions of this section. The plan shall encourage the location of appropriate practitioners of health care services, **including dentists**, in **rural and urban** areas of the state, **particularly those areas** designated by the director of the department of health as health resource shortage areas, in return for the consideration enumerated in subsection 2 of this section. The department of health shall have authority to contract with public and private health care providers for delivery of such services.

2. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Health Access Incentive Fund". Moneys in the fund shall be used to implement and encourage a program to fund loan repayments, start-up grants, provide locum tenens, professional liability insurance assistance, practice subsidy, annuities when appropriate, or technical assistance in exchange for location of appropriate health providers, **including dentists**, who agree to serve all persons in need of health services regardless of ability to pay. The department of health shall encourage the recruitment of minorities in implementing this program.

3. In accordance with an agreement approved by both the director of the department of social services and the director of the department of health, the commissioner of the office of administration shall issue warrants to the state treasurer to transfer available funds from the health access incentive fund to the department of social services to be used to enhance medicaid payments to physicians or dentists in order to enhance the availability of physician or dental services in shortage areas. The amount that may be transferred shall be the amount agreed upon by the directors of the departments of social services and health and shall not exceed the maximum amount specifically authorized for any such transfer by appropriation of the general assembly.

4. The general assembly shall appropriate money to the health access incentive fund from the health initiatives fund created by section 191.831. The health access incentive fund shall also contain money as otherwise provided by law, gift, bequest or devise. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, the unexpended balance in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not be transferred to the general revenue fund of the state.

5. The director of the department of health shall have authority to promulgate reasonable rules to implement the provisions of this section pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo[, and section 192.013, RSMo].