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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 43, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to a regional computer forensics lab.

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

Section A. Chapter 43, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto three new sections, to be known as sections 43.653, 43.656 and 43.659, to read as follows:

43.653. The state highway patrol is hereby authorized to create, direct, control and supervise the "Missouri Regional Computer Forensics Lab" (RCFL). The state highway patrol has the ability to bring together federal, state, and local resources to fight computer crimes for the purposes listed in section 43.656. The RCFL shall be located within a twenty-five mile radius of an international airport.

43.656. It is hereby found and declared that:

(1) With the widespread use of computers, the Internet and electronic devices to commit crimes and the critical lack of resources at state and local levels;

(2) Modern day criminals have learned to exploit the Internet and electronic communication to leverage computer technology to reach a virtually unlimited number of victims while maintaining a maximum level of anonymity, computer crimes will continue to mount, especially in, but not limited to, the areas of child pornography and sexual offenses involving children, consumer fraud and harassment.

(3) It is necessary for the protection of the citizens of this state that provisions be made for the establishment of the Missouri regional computer forensics lab to prevent and reduce computer, Internet and other electronically-based crimes.

43.659. The state highway patrol shall have the power, as necessary or

convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of sections 43.653 to 43.656, to enter into agreements or other transactions with, negotiate memorandum of understanding with all governmental agencies, participate in interstate computer forensic matters as they relate to the purposes of the center, both within and outside the state when necessary or appropriate, or when required to do so by a proper authority and accept grants and the cooperation of, the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof or of this state or any agency or instrumentality thereof, in furtherance of the purposes of this section, and to do any and all things necessary in order to avail itself of such aid and cooperation.

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