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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapters 488 and 589, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the creation of the gang resistance education and training program fund, with an expiration date.

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

Section A. Chapter 488 and 589, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 488.5020 and 589.313, to read as follows:

488.5020. A surcharge of twenty-five dollars shall be assessed as costs in each court proceeding filed in any court in the state in all felony criminal cases involving chapters 195, 565, 566, 569, 570, and 571, RSMo; except that no such surcharge shall be collected in any proceeding in any court when the proceeding or the defendant has been dismissed by the court or when costs are to be paid by the state, county, or municipality.

589.313. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "GREAT Fund". The fund shall consist of one-half of the money collected pursuant to section 488.5020, RSMo, in addition to money appropriated by the general assembly, charges, gifts, grants, bequests from federal, private, or other sources and investment income on the fund. The provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary notwithstanding, moneys in the GREAT fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of the general revenue fund. The remaining one-half of the funds collected pursuant to section 488.5020, RSMo, shall be used to fund the after-school reading retreat program as described in section 167.680, RSMo.

2. The GREAT fund shall be administered by the department of elementary and secondary education in accordance with the provisions of this section.

3. The department of elementary and secondary education in conjunction with local law enforcement who agree to participate shall develop a "Gang Resistance Education and Training Program" (GREAT) for school districts which the department of elementary and secondary education determines are in need of such programs. GREAT shall be designed to help children set goals, resolve conflicts without violence, resist school bullying, and understand how gangs and youth violence impacts individuals and communities. The funds received annually by the GREAT fund shall be distributed to the gang resistance education and training program (GREAT) to be used to promote the program. The department of elementary and secondary education shall work together to develop criteria for local law enforcement and local public school districts, working together, to receive funds to carry out the goals of GREAT.

4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a grant program to provide school districts with matching grants to fund the after-school reading retreat program as described in section 167.680, RSMo. The after-school reading retreat program shall put emphasis on improving the reading skills of children who attend the program along with other instruction. The department of elementary and secondary education with the approval of the state board of education shall develop the criteria for public school districts to receive said funds.

Section B. The provisions of sections 488.5020 and 589.313 of section A of this act shall terminate on December 31, 2010.