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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CROWELL.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to illegal drug use of applicants and recipients of temporary assistance for needy families benefits.

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

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section to be known as section 208.027, to read as follows:

208.027. 1. The department of social services shall develop a program to screen and test each applicant or recipient who is otherwise eligible for temporary assistance for needy families benefits under this chapter and who the department has reasonable cause to believe, based on the screening, engages in illegal use of controlled substances. Any applicant or recipient who is found to have tested positive for the use of a controlled substance, which was not prescribed for such applicant or recipient by a licensed health care provider, shall, after an administrative hearing conducted by the department under the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, be declared ineligible for temporary assistance for needy families benefits for a period of three years from the date of the administrative hearing decision. The department shall refer an applicant or recipient who tested positive for the use of a controlled substance under this section to an appropriate substance abuse treatment program approved by the division of alcohol and drug abuse within the department of mental health.

2. The department of social services shall promulgate rules to develop the screening and testing provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall

21 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the**
22 **provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028,**
23 **RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any**
24 **of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter**
25 **536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and**
26 **annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of**
27 **rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August**
28 **28, 2008, shall be invalid and void.**

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