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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 453, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to foster care and adoption promotion.

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

Section A. Chapter 453, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 453.600, to read as follows:

453.600. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the
2 **"Foster Care and Adoptive Parents Recruitment and Retention Fund"**
3 **which shall consist of all gifts, donations, transfers, and moneys**
4 **appropriated by the general assembly, and bequests to the fund. The**
5 **fund shall be administered by the department of social services.**

6 **2. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may**
7 **approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections**
8 **30.170 and 30.180, RSMo. Notwithstanding the provisions of section**
9 **33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the**
10 **end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general**
11 **revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in**
12 **the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys**
13 **earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.**

14 **3. Upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used for the**
15 **department, either in-house or through private partnerships, to**
16 **promote foster care and adoption recruitment programs. Such**
17 **programs shall include, but not be limited to, the following:**

18 **(1) Promotional printings, advertisements, flyers, posters,**
19 **billboards, and radio spots;**

20 **(2) Community and church presentations;**

21 **(3) Exhibits at community events;**

- 22 **(4) Public service announcements;**
23 **(5) Informational meetings open to the public;**
24 **(6) Child specific recruitment;**
25 **(7) A toll-free informational phone number;**
26 **(8) Foster parent newsletters; and**
27 **(9) Photo displays of children awaiting permanency from foster**
28 **care.**

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