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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 620.515, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to members of the military and their families.

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

Section A. Section 620.515, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 620.515, to read as follows:

620.515. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the ["Hero
2 at Home"] "**Show-Me Heroes**" program, the purpose of which is to:

3 (1) Assist the spouse of an active duty national guard [or], reserve
4 component service member reservist, **or active duty United States military**
5 **personnel** to address immediate needs and employment in an attempt to keep
6 the family from falling into poverty while the primary income earner is on active
7 duty, and during the one-year period following discharge from deployment; and

8 (2) Assist returning national guard troops [or], reserve component service
9 member reservists, **or recently separated United States military personnel**
10 with finding work in situations where an individual needs to rebuild business
11 clientele or where an individual's job has been eliminated while such individual
12 was deployed, or where the individual otherwise cannot return to his or her
13 previous employment.

14 2. Subject to appropriation, the department of economic development shall
15 operate the [hero at home] **show-me heroes** program through existing programs
16 [or by entering into a contract with qualified providers through local workforce
17 investment boards]. Eligibility for the program shall be based on the following
18 criteria:

19 (1) Eligible participants in the program shall be those families where:

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

20 (a) The primary income earner was called to active duty in defense of the
21 United States for a period of more than four months;

22 (b) The family's primary income is no longer available;

23 (c) The family is experiencing significant hardship due to financial
24 burdens; and

25 (d) The family has no outside resources available to assist with such
26 hardships;

27 (2) Services that may be provided to the family will be aimed at
28 ameliorating the immediate crisis and providing a path for economic stability
29 while the primary income is not available due to the active military
30 commitment. Services shall be made available up to one year following discharge
31 from deployment. Services may include, but not be limited to the following:

32 (a) Financial assistance to families facing financial crisis from overdue
33 bills [due to reduced income after the deployment of a spouse];

34 (b) Help paying day care costs to pursue training and or employment;

35 (c) Help covering the costs of transportation to training and or
36 employment;

37 (d) Vocational evaluation and vocational counseling to help the individual
38 choose a visible employment goal;

39 (e) Vocational training to acquire or upgrade skills needed to be
40 marketable in the workforce;

41 (f) Paid internships and subsidized employment to train on the job; and

42 (g) Job placement assistance for those who don't require skills training[;

43 (3) The department shall ensure the eligible providers are:

44 (a) Community-based not-for-profit agencies which have significant
45 experience in job training, placement, and social services;

46 (b) Providers with extensive experience providing such services to
47 veterans and implementing contracts with veteran organizations such as the
48 department of veteran affairs;

49 (c) Providers which have attained the distinction of being accredited
50 through a national accreditation body for training and or human services;

51 (d) Providers which are able to provide a twenty percent match to the
52 program either through indirect or direct expenditures; and

53 (e) Providers with experience in the regions targeted for the program].

54 3. The department shall structure any contract such that payment will be
55 based on delivering the services described in this section as well as performance

56 to guarantee the greatest possible effectiveness of the program.

57 4. [Because of the important nature of this program to the health and
58 welfare of Missourians, this section shall become effective on July 1, 2006. The
59 department shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that the hero at home
60 program is serving families by August 1, 2006.] **The department shall**
61 **promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule**
62 **or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**
63 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become**
64 **effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions**
65 **of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and**
66 **chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the**
67 **general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the**
68 **effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**
69 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule**
70 **proposed or adopted after August 28, 2012, shall be invalid and void.**

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