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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to rural regional development grants.

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

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 620.750, to read as follows:

**620.750. 1. The department of economic development, subject to
2 an appropriation not to exceed five million dollars each fiscal year,
3 shall develop and implement rural regional development grants as
4 provided in this section.**

**5 2. Rural regional development grants may be provided to
6 qualified rural regional development groups. For a rural regional
7 development group to qualify for the grant, the group shall:**

**8 (1) Track and monitor job creation and investment in the region
9 using quantitative measures that measure progress toward
10 preestablished goals;**

**11 (2) Establish a process for enrolling commercial and industrial
12 development sites in the region in the state-certified sites program or
13 maintain a list of state-certified commercial and industrial
14 development sites in the region;**

15 (3) Measure the skills of the region's workforce;

**16 (4) Provide an organizational chart demonstrating that private
17 businesses and local governmental and educational officials are
18 involved in the group; and**

**19 (5) Provide documentation of the group's financial activities for
20 the current year.**

21 3. A rural regional development group shall not qualify for a

22 rural regional development grant if:

23 (1) The group's region includes a county or portion of another
24 state outside the state of Missouri; or

25 (2) The group maintains an operating budget greater than two
26 hundred fifty thousand dollars.

27 4. Applications for rural regional development grants shall only
28 be submitted for a rural regional development group by a regional
29 planning commission created under chapter 251 or other legally
30 created regional planning commission. A regional planning commission
31 may submit applications on behalf of more than one rural regional
32 development group, except that a regional planning commission shall
33 not submit an application on behalf of a group that the regional
34 planning commission does not recognize as the economic development
35 authority for the county that the authority represents.

36 5. The regional planning commission may charge an application
37 fee for the grants developed under this section. Revenue generated
38 from the application fee shall be used to defray the cost of
39 administering the grants.

40 6. A single grant shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand
41 dollars. Each of the nineteen regions of the state represented by a
42 regional planning commission created under chapter 251 or other
43 legally created regional planning commission shall not receive more
44 than two grants per region.

45 7. Grants provided under this section shall be distributed based
46 on a rural regional development group's years in operation. The
47 eligible amount shall be:

48 (1) For a group in operation two years or more on a matching
49 basis of three dollars of state funds for every one dollar of funds
50 provided or raised by the rural regional development group.

51 (2) For groups in operation less than two years on a matching
52 basis of one dollar of state funds for every one dollar of funds provided
53 or raised by the rural regional development group.

54 8. The department of economic development may promulgate
55 rules governing the award of grants under this section. Any rule or
56 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is
57 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become
58 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all the provisions of

59 chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and
60 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
61 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the
62 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
63 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
64 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013, shall be invalid and void.

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