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SENATE BILL NO. 704

AN ACT

To amend chapter 37, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to the transparency and accountability of public funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Chapter 37, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 37.851 and 37.852, to read as follows:

37.851. 1. Every department and division of the state, including the general assembly and the office of any statewide elected official, shall document and make easily available to the public on the Missouri accountability portal established in section 37.850, the following information for all contracts entered into greater than two thousand five hundred dollars for the provision of legal services by a private law firm:

(1) The dollar amount of each such contract; and

(2) A brief summary of the legal services to be provided by the firm.

2. The office of administration shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section which relate to any executive department or agency. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under

1 the authority delegated in this section shall become effective
2 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions
3 of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
4 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
5 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to
6 review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a
7 rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
8 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
9 August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

10 37.852. 1. Any political subdivision, state agency, state
11 department, or institution of higher education which receives
12 public funds shall make easily available to the public on the
13 Missouri accountability portal all final audit reports issued by
14 the state auditor or any other outside auditor, as well as all
15 records reviewed, obtained, or created by the state auditor or
16 any other outside auditor.

17 2. In the event that the state auditor or other outside
18 auditor is already required to make an audit report
19 electronically available to the public on the internet, the
20 provisions of subsection 1 of this section which require audit
21 reports to be available on the portal shall be satisfied if the
22 entity provides an internet website address on the portal which
23 links to the audit report.