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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1696

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Seniors, Families and Children, April 21, 2016, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri commission for the deaf and hard of hearing.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 161.412, to read as follows:

**161.412. 1. Subject to appropriations, the Missouri commission  
2 for the deaf and hard of hearing shall provide grants to:**

3 **(1) Organizations that provide services for deaf-blind children  
4 and their families. Such services may include providing family support  
5 advocates to assist deaf-blind children in participating in their  
6 communities and family education specialists to teach parents and  
7 siblings skills to support the deaf-blind children in their family;**

8 **(2) Organizations that provide services for deaf-blind  
9 adults. Such grants shall be used to provide assistance to deaf-blind  
10 adults who are working towards establishing and maintaining  
11 independence; and**

12 **(3) Organizations that train support service providers. Such  
13 grants shall be used to provide training that will lead to certification  
14 of support service providers in Missouri.**

15 **2. The commission shall use a request-for-proposal process to  
16 award the grants in this section. Organizations that receive grants  
17 under this section may expend the grant for any purpose authorized in  
18 this section. The total amount of grants provided under this section  
19 shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars annually.**

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