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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to grants to employers for the purpose of enhancing cybersecurity.

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

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 620.2550, to read as
3 follows:

620.2550. 1. The department of economic development
2 shall distribute to any employer a one-time grant for the
3 purpose of enhancing cybersecurity, subject to the
4 requirements of this section. No employer shall receive
5 more than one grant pursuant to this section.

6 2. Grants distributed under this section shall not
7 exceed ninety percent of the total cost of the cybersecurity
8 enhancement.

9 3. In making grants to employers under this section,
10 the department of economic development shall distribute an
11 equal number of awards to the following groups of employers:

12 (1) Employers with at least one but not more than
13 forty-nine employees;

14 (2) Employers with at least fifty but not more than
15 two hundred forty-nine employees; and

16 (3) Employers with more than two hundred forty-nine
17 employees.

18 4. Subject to appropriation, no more than ten million
19 dollars shall be distributed under this section in any
20 fiscal year. No more than fifteen thousand dollars shall be
21 distributed to any one employer.

22 5. (1) The department of economic development shall
23 create an online application form as part of its website
24 which shall be the sole means of applying for grants under
25 this section. Any employer seeking a grant under this
26 section shall submit an application to the department using
27 such form on the department's website. The employer shall
28 submit documents showing how it plans to enhance
29 cybersecurity, including plans for how the employer will
30 cover the remaining ten percent of the cost for its
31 cybersecurity enhancement.

32 (2) In assessing an employer's plans for covering the
33 remaining ten percent of the cost, the department shall only
34 consider costs for the following:

- 35 (a) Hardware;
- 36 (b) Software, whether leased or purchased;
- 37 (c) Contracts for an external cybersecurity provider;
- 38 (d) Installation costs for cybersecurity;
- 39 (e) Costs related to increased square footage in the
40 employer's place of business;
- 41 (f) Employee training costs;
- 42 (g) New employee salaries; and
- 43 (h) Existing employee salaries due to new
44 cybersecurity duties.

45 (3) Any employer applying for a grant shall submit
46 documentation to the department showing how grant funds will
47 be used.

48 6. The department shall prescribe the time of filing
49 applications and supervise the processing thereof, provided

50 that applications shall be accepted by the department
51 beginning October 1, 2022.

52 7. The department shall select qualified recipients to
53 receive grants and determine the manner and method of
54 payment to the recipients.

55 8. Any employer who receives a grant pursuant to this
56 section shall submit documentation to the department no
57 later than one year after the distribution showing how the
58 grant funds were spent.

59 9. In the case of employers with employees and
60 locations in more than one state, grant funds distributed
61 pursuant to this section shall be used only for locations in
62 Missouri and employees residing in Missouri.

63 10. For purposes of this section, the terms "enhancing
64 cybersecurity" and "cybersecurity enhancement" mean:

- 65 (1) Cybersecurity improvement investments;
66 (2) Cybersecurity risk assessment costs;
67 (3) Costs associated with cyber-attack prevention
68 employee training programs; and
69 (4) Costs associated with upskilling employees with
70 cybersecurity-related certifications or credentials.

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