

SENATE BILL NO. 985

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR REHDER.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 196, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to opioid settlements, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 196, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 196.1040 and 196.1055, to read as follows:

196.1040. As used in this section and sections 196.1050 and 196.1055, the following terms mean:

(1) "Political subdivision", any subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, counties, townships, cities, towns, villages, school districts, county libraries, city libraries, city-county libraries, road, drainage, sewer, levee and fire districts, soil and water conservation districts, watershed subdistricts, county hospitals, any board of control of an art museum, any 911 or emergency services board authorized in chapter 190 or section 321.243, the board created under sections 205.968 to 205.973, and any other public subdivision or public corporation having the power to tax;

(2) "Released claims", the same meaning as it is defined in any statewide opioid settlement agreements;

(3) "Statewide opioid settlement agreements", "monetary settlement", or "global settlement", agreements of statewide applicability, including, but not limited to,

19 consent judgments, consent decrees filed or unfiled, and
20 related agreements or documents, between the attorney
21 general of the state and certain opioid manufacturers,
22 distributors, dispensers, consultants, chain pharmacies,
23 related entities, or a combination thereof, to provide
24 remuneration for conduct related to the manufacture,
25 promotion, dispensing, sale, or distribution of opioid
26 products.

196.1055. 1. No political subdivision shall have the
2 authority to assert released claims in any court of
3 competent jurisdiction on or after the effective date of
4 this act, against released entities under the terms of a
5 statewide opioid settlement agreement executed by the
6 attorney general of the state and any such released entity.

7 2. Copies of the statewide opioid settlement
8 agreements, including any amendments thereto, shall be kept
9 by the attorney general, who shall make such available under
10 the provisions chapter 610.

Section B. Because of the need for certainty of
2 additional resources to combat the opioid crisis, section A
3 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and
5 safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within
6 the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act
7 shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and
8 approval.

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