

# SENATE BILL NO. 1787

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BLACK.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 161.412, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to grants to deaf-blind individuals and families.

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

Section A. Section 161.412, RSMo, is repealed and one new  
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.412,  
3 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

**EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

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

