

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 1062
AN ACT

To amend chapter 660, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a single public-private, community-based, and faith-based assistance program.

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

Section A. Chapter 660, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 660.365, to read as
3 follows:

660.365. 1. This section shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "Charity Act".

3 2. For purposes of this section, the following terms
4 mean:

5 (1) "Missouri partner network", a group of entities,
6 including state departments and agencies, public-private
7 partnerships, and nonprofit, private-sector, and faith-based
8 organizations, which provides goods or services to directly
9 support the participants' goals and address identified
10 barriers;

11 (2) "Participant", an individual who voluntarily
12 participates in the charity program;

13 (3) "Participating state agency", a state department,
14 division, or agency that takes part in the charity program
15 at the direction of the governor.

16 3. (1) There shall be created within the department
17 of social services the "Charity" program. The department,
18 in consultation with the office of the governor, shall:

19 (a) Facilitate coordination and collaboration among
20 participating state agencies to implement the provisions of
21 this section;

22 (b) Expand the Missouri partner network to meet the
23 needs of participants;

24 (c) Empower and assist participants in need to help
25 identify and achieve immediate, intermediate, and long-term
26 goals and remove barriers to achievement of personal goals;

27 (d) Use participating state agencies to serve families
28 holistically in achieving self-sufficiency, maximizing
29 community integration, and building a prosperous future.

30 Barriers to self-sufficiency may include the inability to:

31 a. Obtain stable employment;

32 b. Increase wages;

33 c. Obtain the necessary skills for greater
34 independence, education, or training;

35 d. Meet basic needs; and

36 e. Find stable housing; and

37 (g) Refer participants requiring assistance with
38 employment or vocational training to appropriate entities to
39 prepare, train, and place the participants in meaningful
40 employment.

41 (2) (a) To participate in the charity program, an
42 individual shall be:

43 a. A legal resident of this state;

44 b. A citizen of the United States or a permanent
45 resident alien of the United States, as determined by the
46 U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services;

47 c. (i) At least eighteen years of age;

48 (ii) If emancipated, at least sixteen years of age; or

49 (iii) If under eighteen years of age and not
50 emancipated, authorized to participate by written consent of
51 his or her parent or guardian.

52 (b) Participation in the charity program is voluntary.

53 (3) The department shall:

54 (a) Develop and maintain a website for individuals to
55 connect with the charity program; and

56 (b) Develop and maintain a charity program case
57 management system that, at a minimum, conducts intake for
58 charity program inquiries and makes referrals for
59 individuals and families in need of services.

60 4. (1) The Missouri partner network shall work to
61 build a network of partnerships to sustain the effectiveness
62 of the charity program.

63 (2) (a) State agencies shall participate in the
64 charity program at the direction of the governor.

65 (b) In order to use government resources more
66 effectively and efficiently, participating state agencies
67 shall use existing resources and personnel, to the extent
68 possible, to operate the charity program.