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AN ACT

To repeal sections 186.005, 186.014, 186.016, 186.018, 186.019, and 301.3112, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to Missouri women's counsel.

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

Section A. Sections 186.005, 186.014, 186.016, 186.018, 186.019, and 301.3112, RSMo,
2 are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 186.005,
3 186.014, and 186.016, to read as follows:

186.005. Sections 186.005 to [186.019] **186.016** shall be known as and may be cited as
2 the "Missouri Women's Council Act".

186.014. 1. There is hereby created in the department of economic development an
2 "Executive Director" for the Missouri women's council. Upon consultation with the council, the
3 director of the department of economic development shall recommend for appointment to the
4 governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, an individual who possesses demonstrated
5 capability in business or industry, especially in business enterprises or employment training, to
6 serve as executive director to work with the council in the implementation of sections 186.005
7 to [186.019] **186.016**.

8 2. The executive director shall be responsible for:
9 (1) Implementing programs initiated by the council; and
10 (2) Performing other duties as defined by the council.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

186.016. The mission of the council is:

- 2 (1) To promote and increase women's economic and employment opportunities through
3 education and training programs to aid in and insure entry into the labor market;
- 4 (2) To promote occupational mobility of women workers in lower and middle levels of
5 employment;
- 6 (3) To promote access to jobs with more skill and responsibility, especially at the
7 managerial level by encouraging maternity protection, child care facilities, technical training, and
8 health protection;
- 9 (4) To initiate programs to assist **and support** women in [small] **all** business enterprises
10 **including operating a home-based business and working part-time from home;**
- 11 (5) To [assure] **provide information for women to** access [of women to] **traditional**
12 **and** nontraditional skilled trades through greater participation in apprenticeship programs and
13 vocational and technical training;
- 14 (6) To promote retraining programs and facilities, **workforce readiness skills, and**
15 **health lifestyles** for unemployed women especially in growth sectors;
- 16 (7) To apply for federal or private funds or grants available for such employment and
17 training programs, business enterprise programs, studies, seminars, and conferences and to
18 participate in already existing federally, state or privately funded programs with other state
19 departments and/or divisions;
- 20 (8) To conduct programs, studies, seminars, and conferences in cooperation with federal,
21 state, and local agencies, **and private companies and organizations** in the following areas:
 - 22 (a) Educational, **occupational, and economic** needs and opportunities;
 - 23 (b) [Displaced homemakers] **Balancing work and family;**
 - 24 (c) [Credit] **Financial planning;**
 - 25 (d) Federal and state [affecting the rights and responsibilities of] **procurement**
26 **opportunities for** women; and
 - 27 (e) Women-owned business enterprises.

[186.018. The council shall prepare a state plan to identify and prioritize targeted populations in terms of employment accessibility and geographic regions, which plan shall be reviewed and revised annually. The state plan shall include but not be limited to:

- 5 (1) A needs-assessment of the state to determine specific economic and
6 employment problems that exist in which geographic areas of the state;
- 7 (2) A statement of short- and long-term goals relating to economic
8 factors which include evaluation, labor, work availability, small business
9 opportunities, employment, training, household, and family with special
10 emphasis on rural women and the underprivileged sectors of society;

(3) An inventory of existing federal, state, community and private programs and facilities relating to economic and employment needs of women;

(4) Plans for addressing those identified prioritized and targeted populations including special strategies for specific groups or regions with unique needs in the employment or training area.]

[186.019. 1. Prior to April first of each year, starting in 1992, the information described in subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this subsection shall be delivered in report form to the Missouri women's council, the governor's office, the secretary of the senate, and the chief clerk of the house of representatives. The information shall apply only to activities which occurred during the previous calendar year. Reports shall be required from the following:

(1) The department of labor and industrial relations, and the division of job development and training of the department of economic development, who shall assemble all available data and report on all business start-ups and business failures which are fifty-one percent or more owned by women. The reports shall distinguish, as best as possible, those businesses which are sole proprietorships, partnerships, or corporations;

(2) The department of economic development, who shall assemble all available data and report on financial assistance or other incentives given to all businesses which are fifty-one percent or more owned by women. The report shall contain information relating to assistance or incentives awarded for the retention of existing businesses, the expansion of existing businesses, or the start-up of new businesses;

(3) The department of revenue, who shall assemble all available data and report on the number, gross receipts and net income of all businesses which are fifty-one percent or more owned by women. The reports shall distinguish those businesses which are sole proprietorships, partnerships or corporations;

(4) The division of purchasing of the office of administration, who shall assemble all available data and report on businesses which are fifty-one percent or more owned by women which are recipients of contracts awarded by the state of Missouri.

2. Prior to December first of each year, starting in 1990, the information described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be delivered in report form to the Missouri women's council, the governor's office, the secretary of the senate, and the chief clerk of the house of representatives. The information shall apply only to activities which occurred during the previous school year. Reports shall be required from the following:

(1) The department of elementary and secondary education shall assemble all available data from the Vocational and Education Data System (VEDS) on class enrollments by Instruction Program Codes (CIP); by secondary and postsecondary schools; and, secondary, postsecondary, and adult level classes; and by gender. This data shall also be reported by classes of traditional and nontraditional occupational areas.

39 (2) The coordinating board for higher education shall assemble all
40 available data and report on higher education degrees awarded by academic
41 discipline; type of degree; type of school; and gender. All available data shall
42 also be reported on salaries received upon completion of degree program and
43 subsequent hire, as well as any data available on follow-up salaries.]

2 [301.3112. 1. Any person may receive special license plates as
3 prescribed by this section, for any motor vehicle such person owns, either solely
4 or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle
5 licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight, after an annual
6 contribution of an emblem-use authorization fee to the Friends of the Missouri
7 Women's Council. Any contribution given pursuant to this section shall be
8 designated for breast cancer services only. The Friends of the Missouri Women's
9 Council hereby authorizes the use of its official emblem to be affixed on
10 multiyear personalized license plates as provided in this section. Any
11 contribution to the Friends of the Missouri Women's Council derived from this
12 section, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used solely for the
13 purpose of providing breast cancer services. Any person may annually apply for
14 the use of the emblem.

15 2. Upon annual application and payment of a twenty-five dollar
16 emblem-use contribution to the Friends of the Missouri Women's Council, the
17 organization shall issue to the vehicle owner, without further charge, an
18 emblem-use authorization statement, which shall be presented by the owner to
19 the department of revenue at the time of registration of a motor vehicle. Upon
20 presentation of the annual statement, payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition
21 to the registration fee and documents which may be required by law, the
22 department of revenue shall issue to the vehicle owner a personalized license
23 plate which shall bear the emblem of the Friends of the Missouri Women's
24 Council and shall bear the words "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS" in place
25 of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be made with fully
26 reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly
27 visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section
28 301.130. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee
29 shall be charged for the personalization of license plates pursuant to this section.

30 3. A vehicle owner, who was previously issued a plate with the Friends
31 of the Missouri Women's Council emblem authorized by this section but who
32 does not provide an emblem-use authorization statement at a subsequent time of
33 registration, shall be issued a new plate which does not bear the Friends of the
34 Missouri Women's Council emblem, as otherwise provided by law. The director
35 of revenue shall make necessary rules and regulations for the administration of
36 this section, and shall design all necessary forms required by this section. No rule
37 or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall
38 become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of
chapter 536, RSMo.]

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