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AN ACT

To amend chapter 660, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to faith-based organizations.

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

Section A. Chapter 660, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2   known as section 660.750, to read as follows:
     660.750. 1. This section shall be known as the "Faith-Based Organization Liaison
2   **Act".**
3   **2.   The director of the department of social services shall designate regional**
4   **department employees to serve as liaisons to faith-based organizations in their regions.**
5   **3. The director shall ensure that the primary function of each employee designated**
6   **as a liaison under this section is to:**
7   **(1) Communicate with faith-based organizations regarding the need for private**
8   **community services to benefit persons in need of assistance who otherwise would require**
9   **financial or other assistance under public programs administered by the department;**
10   **(2)   Promote the involvement of faith-based organizations in working to meet**
11   **community needs for assistance;**

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.

12   **(3) Coordinate the department's efforts to promote involvement of faith-based**
13 **organizations in providing community services with similar efforts of other state agencies;**
14 **and**
15   **(4) Provide clear guidance to faith-based organizations of all the rights and**
16 **responsibilities afforded to them under federal law, including but not limited to federal**
17 **equal treatment and charitable choice regulations.**
18   **4. No liaison shall discriminate against any faith-based organization in carrying out**
19 **the provisions of this section.**

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