

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute No. 2 for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No.
2 777, Page 32, Section 578.120, Line 19, by inserting immediately after said line the following:

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4 "620.750. 1. The department of economic development, subject to an appropriation not to
5 exceed five million dollars each fiscal year, shall develop and implement rural regional development
6 grants as provided in this section.

7 2. Rural regional development grants may be provided to qualified rural regional
8 development groups. After the award of a grant, the group shall:

9 (1) Track and monitor job creation and investment in the region using quantitative measures
10 that measure progress toward preestablished goals;

11 (2) Establish a process for enrolling commercial and industrial development sites in the
12 region in the state-certified sites program or maintain a list of state-certified commercial and
13 industrial development sites in the region;

14 (3) Measure the skills of the region's workforce;

15 (4) Provide an organizational chart demonstrating that private businesses and local
16 governmental and educational officials are involved in the group; and

17 (5) Provide documentation of the group's financial activities for the current year.

18 3. A rural regional development group shall not qualify for a rural regional development
19 grant if:

20 (1) The group's region includes a county or portion of another state outside the state of
21 Missouri; or

22 (2) The group maintains an operating budget greater than two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

23 4. Applications for rural regional development grants shall only be submitted for a rural
24 regional development group by a regional planning commission created under chapter 251 or other
25 legally created regional planning commission. A regional planning commission may submit
26 applications on behalf of more than one rural regional development group, except that a regional
27 planning commission shall not submit an application on behalf of a group that the regional planning
28 commission does not recognize as the economic development authority for the county that the
29 authority represents.

30 5. The regional planning commission may charge an application fee for the grants developed
31 under this section. The regional planning commission shall be allowed to claim reimbursement from
32 the grant recipient for actual costs of administering the grants.

33 6. A single grant shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars. Each of the nineteen
34 regions of the state represented by a regional planning commission created under chapter 251 or
35 other legally created regional planning commission shall not receive more than two grants per region
36 annually.

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1 7. Grants provided under this section shall be distributed based on a rural regional
2 development group's years in operation. The eligible amount shall be:

3 (1) For a group in operation two years or more on a matching basis of three dollars of state
4 funds for every one dollar of funds provided or raised by the rural regional development group,
5 including the value of in-kind services, supplies, or equipment.

6 (2) For groups in operation less than two years on a matching basis of one dollar of state
7 funds for every one dollar of funds provided or raised by the rural regional development group,
8 including the value of in-kind services, supplies, or equipment.

9 8. Uses for the grants may include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

10 (1) Workforce development activities, such as evaluation and education;

11 (2) Entrepreneurship training for pre-venture and existing businesses;

12 (3) Development of regional marketing techniques and activities;

13 (4) International trade training for new-to-export businesses in the region;

14 (5) In-depth market research and financial analysis for businesses in the region;

15 (6) Demographic and market opportunity research to assist regional planning commissions
16 in developing their comprehensive economic development strategy.

17 9. The grant recipient shall annually report to the governor; the director of the department of
18 economic development; the senate committee on commerce, consumer protection and the
19 environment; the house committee on economic development and any successor committees thereto,
20 the allocation of the grants and the purposes for which the funding was used.

21 10. The department of economic development may promulgate rules governing the award of
22 grants under this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that
23 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with
24 and is subject to all the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section
25 and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant
26 to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
27 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
28 adopted after August 28, 2014, shall be invalid and void."; and

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30 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
31 accordingly.
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