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HOUSE BILL NO. 861

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to public funding for family planning.

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

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 192.850, to read as follows:

192.850. 1. This section shall be known as the "Prioritization of Public Funding for Family Planning Act".

- 2. As used in this act:
- 4 (1) "Department", the Missouri department of health and senior services;
- 5 (2) "Federally Qualified Health Center", a health care provider that is eligible for 6 federal funding under 42 U.S.C. 1396d(1)(2)(B);
 - (3) "Hospital", a primary or tertiary care facility licensed under section 197.020;
- 8 (4) "Public funds", state funds from whatever source, including without limitation
- 9 state general revenue funds, state special account and limited purpose grants and loans,
- and federal funds provided under Title V (42 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), Title X (42 U.S.C. 300 et
- 11 seq.), Title XIX (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.), and Title XX (42 U.S.C. 1397 et seq.) of the Social
- 12 Security Act;
- 13 (5) "Rural Health Clinic", a health care provider that is eligible for federal funding
- 14 under 42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)(2);
- 15 (4) "Hospital", a primary or tertiary care facility licensed pursuant to section
- 16 **197.020.**

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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.

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3. Subject to any applicable requirements of federal statutes, rules, regulations, or guidelines, any expenditures of grants of public funds for family planning services by the state by and through the department shall be made in the following order of priority:

(1) To public entities;

- (2) To non-public hospitals and federally qualified health centers;
- (3) To rural health clinics; and
- (4) To non-public health providers that have as their primary purpose the provision of the primary health care services enumerated in 42 U.S.C. 254b(a)(1).
- 4. (1) A cause of action in law or equity for recoupment, declaratory, or injunctive relief against any person who has intentionally violated this section may be maintained by a county attorney with appropriate jurisdiction or by the attorney general.
- (2) Any entity eligible for the receipt of public funds, as defined in subdivision (4) of subsection 2 of this section, shall possess standing to bring any action that the county attorney or the attorney general has authority to bring, under the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of this section, provided, however, that it is an expenditure or grant of public funds made in violation of this act and has resulted in the reduction of public funds available to it and that any award of monetary relief shall be made to an appropriate public officer for deposit into one or more accounts maintained by the state for public funds enumerated in subdivisions (1) through (4) of subsection 2 of this section.
- (3) If judgment rendered in favor of the plaintiff in an action described in this section, the court shall also render judgment for a reasonable attorney's fee in favor of the plaintiff against the defendant.
- (4) If judgment is rendered in favor of the defendant and the court finds that the plaintiff's suit was frivolous and brought in bad faith, the court shall also render judgment for a reasonable attorney's fee in favor of the defendant against the plaintiff.
- 5. If any provision of this section or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such determination shall not affect the provisions or applications of this section which may be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this section are severable.

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