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MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' CHIEF CLERK
101st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

Herewith I return to you Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 10 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the several divisions and programs thereof, and the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Section 10.006

I hereby veto \$743,277, including \$740,994 general revenue, for the purpose of funding performance incentives for high-achieving department employees. Alternative performance-based incentive structures are being analyzed in an effort to maximize this targeted investment in recruiting and retaining state employees.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety.

From \$740,994 to \$0 from general revenue.

From \$2,283 to \$0 from other funds.

From \$743,277 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 10.106

I hereby veto \$250,000 general revenue for a substance abuse education and prevention curriculum. This increase was not part of my budget recommendations. Additionally, there are concerns about the appropriateness of this content for this setting.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$250,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$250,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 10.210

I hereby veto \$500,000 general revenue for behavioral health and substance abuse treatment. This increase was not part of my budget recommendations. Additionally, this is not a contracted provider with the Department of Mental Health. A direct appropriation would subvert the state procurement process.

To address staffing and facility needs in a city of the fourth classification with more than four thousand but fewer than four thousand five hundred inhabitants and partially located in any county of the first classification with more than forty thousand but fewer than fifty thousand inhabitants, to continue providing care to address the mental health and opioid crisis.

By \$500,000 from \$500,000 to \$0 from the General Revenue Fund.
From \$243,057,135 to \$242,557,135 in total for the section.

Section 10.606

I hereby veto \$222,141, including \$72,428 general revenue, for the purpose of funding performance incentives for high-achieving department employees. Alternative performance-based incentive structures are being analyzed in an effort to maximize this targeted investment in recruiting and retaining state employees.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety.
From \$72,428 to \$0 from general revenue.
From \$149,713 to \$0 from federal and other funds.
From \$222,141 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 10.810

I hereby veto \$24,025,703 federal funds for a provider rate increase for consumer-directed services. This increase was not part of my budget recommendations. This across the board rate increase undermines rate standardization efforts that are underway to ensure providers of consumer directed services through the home and community based services program are paid closer to market rate.

Expense and Equipment by \$15,859,367 from \$371,300,899 to \$355,441,532 from Department of Health and Senior Services Federal Fund.
Expense and Equipment by \$8,166,336 from \$8,166,336 to \$0 from HCBS FMAP Enhancement Fund.
From \$562,853,679 to \$538,827,976 in total for the section.

Section 10.815

I hereby veto \$2,399,494 federal funds for a provider rate increase for consumer-directed services. This increase was not part of my budget recommendations. This across the board rate increase undermines rate standardization efforts that are underway to ensure providers of consumer directed services through the home and community based services program are paid closer to market rate.

Expense and Equipment by \$1,583,905 from \$332,106,037 to \$330,522,132 from Department of Health and Senior Services Federal Fund.

Expense and Equipment by \$815,589 from \$8,870,076 to \$8,054,487 from HCBS FMAP Enhancement Fund.

From \$503,114,738 to \$500,715,244 in total for the section.

Section 10.900

I hereby veto \$250,000 general revenue for the purpose of providing epinephrine auto-injector devices to qualified first responders. This increase was not part of my budget recommendations. This is not an appropriate use of state funding and should be funded locally.

Funds are to be transferred out of General Revenue, to the Epi-pen for Firefighters Fund.
By \$250,000 from \$250,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby further veto \$250,000 other funds for the purpose of providing epinephrine auto-injector devices to qualified first responders. This increase was not part of my budget recommendations. This is not an appropriate use of state funding and should be funded locally.

For the purpose of providing epinephrine auto-injector devices for patients to qualified first responders.

By \$250,000 from \$250,000 to \$0 from Epi-pens for Firefighters Fund.

From \$41,206,814 to \$40,706,814 in total for the section.

Section 10.1005

I hereby veto this section in its entirety, including the words "In reference to Section 10.410 in Part 1 of this act: No funds shall be expended in furtherance of provider rates for Division of Developmental Disabilities Community Programs residential services greater than the projected 2020 lower bound market-based rates developed from the Mercer Rate Study for Residential Services dated June 25, 2018." This language jeopardizes the state's ability to earn enhanced federal match rates as provided under Sec. 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

On June 30, 2021 I approved said Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 10, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Parson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Parson" being clearly legible.

Michael L. Parson
Governor