

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 690, Page 17,
2 Section 191.525, Line 8, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "191.620. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

5 (1) "Care provider", a physician licensed and registered under chapter 334 engaged in
6 general or family practice or a dentist licensed and registered under chapter 332 to practice
7 dentistry;

8 (2) "Department", the department of health and senior services;

9 (3) "Rural county", a county in Missouri with fewer than thirty-five thousand inhabitants.

10 2. Subject to appropriation, the department shall establish a rural care provider grant
11 program to provide incentives to care providers to practice and reside in rural counties. The
12 department shall award grants to eligible care providers on the basis of available funds, with priority
13 given to care providers practicing in rural counties having the greatest need.

14 3. Any care provider who begins practice as a care provider in a rural county after August
15 28, 2022, who resides in such rural county, and who is willing to enter into a grant agreement under
16 the terms outlined in subsection 4 of this section shall be eligible to receive a grant under this
17 section. The department shall post on its website the eligibility criteria outlined in this section, the
18 contents of the grant application, and the procedures and timelines by which care providers may
19 apply for grants.

20 4. The department shall enter into a grant agreement with each care provider to whom it
21 awards a grant under this section. The grant agreement shall be in writing and shall contain:

22 (1) A provision that the care provider agrees to reside and practice as a care provider in a
23 rural county for a continuous five-year period and the state agrees to pay the care provider ten
24 thousand dollars each year of such five-year period, with such period of residence and practice to
25 begin immediately;

26 (2) A provision that any obligations arising out of the agreement entered into under
27 subdivision (1) of this subsection are contingent upon funds being appropriated for grant payments;

28 (3) A provision identifying the rural county where the care provider will practice and reside;

29 (4) A statement of the damages to which the state is entitled for the care provider's breach of
30 the grant agreement; and

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1 (5) Such other statements of the rights and liabilities of the department and of the care
2 provider not inconsistent with this section.

3 5. If an individual breaches the written grant agreement by failing either to begin the five-
4 year period of residence and practice or to complete the five-year period of residence and practice,
5 the state shall be entitled to recover from the individual an amount equal to the sum of:

6 (1) The total of the amounts paid by the state to the individual under the grant agreement;
7 (2) An amount equal to any damages incurred by the department as a result of the breach;
8 and

9 (3) Any legal fees or associated costs incurred by the department or the state in the
10 collection of damages.

11 6. This section shall not be construed to require the department to enter into grant
12 agreements with care providers who are eligible for grants under this section if state funds are not
13 available for such purpose.

14 7. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Rural Care Provider Grant Program
15 Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated to it by the general assembly. The state treasurer
16 shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer
17 may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in
18 the fund shall be used solely for awarding grants and administering the grant program described in
19 this section.

20 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining
21 in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

22 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are
23 invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

24 8. The department may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any
25 rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority
26 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
27 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
28 nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to
29 review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
30 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
31 August 28, 2022, shall be invalid and void."; and

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