

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 719, Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by  
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "37.980. 1. The office of administration shall submit a report to the general assembly before  
5 December thirty-first of each year, beginning in 2023, describing the progress made by the state  
6 with respect to the directives issued as part of the "Missouri as a Model Employer" initiative  
7 described in executive order 19-16.

8 2. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the data described in the following  
9 subdivisions, which shall be collected through voluntary self-disclosure. To the extent possible, for  
10 each subdivision, the report shall include general data for all relevant employees, in addition to data  
11 comparing the employees of each agency within the state workforce:

12 (1) The baseline number of employees in the state workforce who disclosed disabilities  
13 when the initiative began;

14 (2) The number of employees in the state workforce who disclose disabilities at the time of  
15 the compiling of the annual report and statistics providing the size and the percentage of any  
16 increase or decrease in such numbers since the initiative began and since the compilation of any  
17 previous annual report;

18 (3) The baseline percentage of employees in the state workforce who disclosed disabilities  
19 when the initiative began;

20 (4) The percentage of employees in the state workforce who disclose disabilities at the time  
21 of the compiling of the annual report and statistics providing the size of any increase or decrease in  
22 such percentage since the initiative began and since the compilation of any previous annual report;

23 (5) A description and analysis of any disparity that may exist from the time the initiative  
24 began and the time of the compiling of the annual reports, and of any disparity that may exist from  
25 the time of the most recent previous annual report, if any, and the time of the current annual report,  
26 between the percentage of individuals in the state of working age who disclose disabilities and the  
27 percentage of individuals in the state workforce who disclose or have disabilities; and

28 (6) A description and analysis of any pay differential that may exist in the state workforce  
29 between individuals who disclose disabilities and individuals who do not disclose disabilities.

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1           3. The report shall also include descriptions of specific efforts made by state agencies to  
 2 recruit, hire, advance, and retain individuals with disabilities including, but not limited to,  
 3 individuals with the most significant disabilities, as defined in 5 CSR 20-500.160. Such  
 4 descriptions shall include, but not be limited to, best, promising, and emerging practices related to:

5           (1) Setting annual goals;

6           (2) Analyzing barriers to recruiting, hiring, advancing, and retaining individuals with  
 7 disabilities;

8           (3) Establishing and maintaining contacts with entities and organizations that specialize in  
 9 providing education, training, or assistance to individuals with disabilities in securing employment;

10          (4) Using internships, apprenticeships, and job shadowing;

11          (5) Using supported employment, individual placement with support services, customized  
 12 employment, telework, mentoring and management training, stay-at-work and return-to-work  
 13 programs, and exit interviews;

14          (6) Adopting, posting, and making available to all job applicants and employees reasonable  
 15 accommodation procedures in written and accessible formats;

16          (7) Providing periodic disability awareness training to employees to build and sustain a  
 17 culture of inclusion in the workplace, including rights to reasonable accommodation in the  
 18 workplace;

19          (8) Providing periodic training to human resources and hiring managers in disability rights,  
 20 hiring, and workplace policies designed to promote a diverse and inclusive workforce; and

21          (9) Making web-based hiring portals accessible to and usable by applicants with  
 22 disabilities."; and

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 24 Further amend said bill, Page 5, Section 208.066, Line 25, by inserting after all of said section and  
 25 line the following:

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 27           "208.146. 1. The program established under this section shall be known as the "Ticket to  
 28 Work Health Assurance Program". Subject to appropriations and in accordance with the federal  
 29 Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (TWWIIA), Public Law 106-170,  
 30 the medical assistance provided for in section 208.151 may be paid for a person who is employed  
 31 and who:

32           (1) Except for earnings, meets the definition of disabled under the Supplemental Security  
 33 Income Program or meets the definition of an employed individual with a medically improved  
 34 disability under TWWIIA;

35           (2) Has earned income, as defined in subsection 2 of this section;

36           (3) Meets the asset limits in subsection 3 of this section; and

37           (4) Has ~~net~~ income, as ~~defined~~ determined in subsection 3 of this section, that does not  
 38 exceed ~~[the limit for permanent and totally disabled individuals to receive nonspenddown MO~~  
 39 ~~HealthNet under subdivision (24) of subsection 1 of section 208.151; and~~

1 ~~(5) Has a gross income of~~ two hundred fifty percent ~~[or less]~~ of the federal poverty level,  
 2 excluding any earned income of the worker with a disability between two hundred fifty and three  
 3 hundred percent of the federal poverty level. ~~[For purposes of this subdivision, "gross income"~~  
 4 ~~includes all income of the person and the person's spouse that would be considered in determining~~  
 5 MO HealthNet eligibility for permanent and totally disabled individuals under subdivision (24) of  
 6 subsection 1 of section 208.151. ~~Individuals with gross incomes in excess of one hundred percent of~~  
 7 ~~the federal poverty level shall pay a premium for participation in accordance with subsection 4 of~~  
 8 ~~this section.]~~

9 2. For income to be considered earned income for purposes of this section, the department  
 10 of social services shall document that Medicare and Social Security taxes are withheld from such  
 11 income. Self-employed persons shall provide proof of payment of Medicare and Social Security  
 12 taxes for income to be considered earned.

13 3. (1) For purposes of determining eligibility under this section, the available asset limit  
 14 and the definition of available assets shall be the same as those used to determine MO HealthNet  
 15 eligibility for permanent and totally disabled individuals under subdivision (24) of subsection 1 of  
 16 section 208.151 except for:

17 (a) Medical savings accounts limited to deposits of earned income and earnings on such  
 18 income while a participant in the program created under this section with a value not to exceed five  
 19 thousand dollars per year; ~~and]~~

20 (b) Independent living accounts limited to deposits of earned income and earnings on such  
 21 income while a participant in the program created under this section with a value not to exceed five  
 22 thousand dollars per year. For purposes of this section, an "independent living account" means an  
 23 account established and maintained to provide savings for transportation, housing, home  
 24 modification, and personal care services and assistive devices associated with such person's  
 25 disability; and

26 (c) Retirement accounts including, but not limited to, individual accounts, 401(k) plans,  
 27 403(b) plans, Keogh plans, and pension plans, provided that income from such accounts be  
 28 calculated as income under subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of this section.

29 (2) To determine ~~[net]~~ income, the following shall be disregarded:

30 (a) ~~[All earned income of the disabled worker;~~

31 ~~(b)]~~ The first [sixty-five dollars and one-half] fifty thousand dollars of [the remaining]  
 32 earned income of [a nondisabled spouse's earned income] the person's spouse;

33 ~~[(e)]~~ (b) A twenty dollar standard deduction;

34 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) Health insurance premiums;

35 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) A seventy-five dollar a month standard deduction for the disabled worker's dental  
 36 and optical insurance when the total dental and optical insurance premiums are less than seventy-  
 37 five dollars;

38 ~~[(f)]~~ (e) All Supplemental Security Income payments, and the first fifty dollars of SSDI  
 39 payments; and

1           ~~(g)~~ (f) A standard deduction for impairment-related employment expenses equal to one-  
2 half of the disabled worker's earned income.

3           4. Any person whose ~~gross~~ income exceeds one hundred percent of the federal poverty  
4 level shall pay a premium for participation in the medical assistance provided in this section. Such  
5 premium shall be:

6           (1) For a person whose ~~gross~~ income is more than one hundred percent but less than one  
7 hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level, four percent of income at one hundred percent of  
8 the federal poverty level;

9           (2) For a person whose ~~gross~~ income equals or exceeds one hundred fifty percent but is  
10 less than two hundred percent of the federal poverty level, four percent of income at one hundred  
11 fifty percent of the federal poverty level;

12           (3) For a person whose ~~gross~~ income equals or exceeds two hundred percent but less than  
13 two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level, five percent of income at two hundred percent  
14 of the federal poverty level;

15           (4) For a person whose ~~gross~~ income equals or exceeds two hundred fifty percent up to  
16 and including three hundred percent of the federal poverty level, six percent of income at two  
17 hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level.

18           5. Recipients of services through this program shall report any change in income or  
19 household size within ten days of the occurrence of such change. An increase in premiums resulting  
20 from a reported change in income or household size shall be effective with the next premium  
21 invoice that is mailed to a person after due process requirements have been met. A decrease in  
22 premiums shall be effective the first day of the month immediately following the month in which the  
23 change is reported.

24           6. If an eligible person's employer offers employer-sponsored health insurance and the  
25 department of social services determines that it is more cost effective, such person shall participate  
26 in the employer-sponsored insurance. The department shall pay such person's portion of the  
27 premiums, co-payments, and any other costs associated with participation in the employer-  
28 sponsored health insurance. If the department elects to pay such person's employer-sponsored  
29 insurance costs under this subsection, the medical assistance provided under this section shall be  
30 provided to an eligible person as a secondary or supplemental policy for only personal care  
31 assistance services, as defined in section 208.900, and related costs and nonemergency medical  
32 transportation to any employer-sponsored benefits that may be available to such person.

33           7. The department of social services shall provide to the general assembly an annual report  
34 that identifies the number of participants in the program and describes the outreach and education  
35 efforts to increase awareness and enrollment in the program.

36           8. The department of social services shall submit such state plan amendments and waivers to  
37 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the federal Department of Health and Human  
38 Services as the department determines are necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

39           9. The provisions of this section shall expire August 28, 2025.

1           208.151. 1. Medical assistance on behalf of needy persons shall be known as "MO  
2 HealthNet". For the purpose of paying MO HealthNet benefits and to comply with Title XIX,  
3 Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et  
4 seq.) as amended, the following needy persons shall be eligible to receive MO HealthNet benefits to  
5 the extent and in the manner hereinafter provided:

6           (1) All participants receiving state supplemental payments for the aged, blind and disabled;

7           (2) All participants receiving aid to families with dependent children benefits, including all  
8 persons under nineteen years of age who would be classified as dependent children except for the  
9 requirements of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of section 208.040. Participants eligible under this  
10 subdivision who are participating in treatment court, as defined in section 478.001, shall have their  
11 eligibility automatically extended sixty days from the time their dependent child is removed from  
12 the custody of the participant, subject to approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
13 Services;

14           (3) All participants receiving blind pension benefits;

15           (4) All persons who would be determined to be eligible for old age assistance benefits,  
16 permanent and total disability benefits, or aid to the blind benefits under the eligibility standards in  
17 effect December 31, 1973, or less restrictive standards as established by rule of the family support  
18 division, who are sixty-five years of age or over and are patients in state institutions for mental  
19 diseases or tuberculosis;

20           (5) All persons under the age of twenty-one years who would be eligible for aid to families  
21 with dependent children except for the requirements of subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section  
22 208.040, and who are residing in an intermediate care facility, or receiving active treatment as  
23 inpatients in psychiatric facilities or programs, as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d, as amended;

24           (6) All persons under the age of twenty-one years who would be eligible for aid to families  
25 with dependent children benefits except for the requirement of deprivation of parental support as  
26 provided for in subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 208.040;

27           (7) All persons eligible to receive nursing care benefits;

28           (8) All participants receiving family foster home or nonprofit private child-care institution  
29 care, subsidized adoption benefits and parental school care wherein state funds are used as partial or  
30 full payment for such care;

31           (9) All persons who were participants receiving old age assistance benefits, aid to the  
32 permanently and totally disabled, or aid to the blind benefits on December 31, 1973, and who  
33 continue to meet the eligibility requirements, except income, for these assistance categories, but  
34 who are no longer receiving such benefits because of the implementation of Title XVI of the federal  
35 Social Security Act, as amended;

36           (10) Pregnant women who meet the requirements for aid to families with dependent  
37 children, except for the existence of a dependent child in the home;

1 (11) Pregnant women who meet the requirements for aid to families with dependent  
2 children, except for the existence of a dependent child who is deprived of parental support as  
3 provided for in subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 208.040;

4 (12) Pregnant women or infants under one year of age, or both, whose family income does  
5 not exceed an income eligibility standard equal to one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal  
6 poverty level as established and amended by the federal Department of Health and Human Services,  
7 or its successor agency;

8 (13) Children who have attained one year of age but have not attained six years of age who  
9 are eligible for medical assistance under 6401 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act  
10 of 1989) (42 U.S.C. Sections 1396a to 1396b). The family support division shall use an income  
11 eligibility standard equal to one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level established  
12 by the Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor agency;

13 (14) Children who have attained six years of age but have not attained nineteen years of age.  
14 For children who have attained six years of age but have not attained nineteen years of age, the  
15 family support division shall use an income assessment methodology which provides for eligibility  
16 when family income is equal to or less than equal to one hundred percent of the federal poverty  
17 level established by the Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor agency. As  
18 necessary to provide MO HealthNet coverage under this subdivision, the department of social  
19 services may revise the state MO HealthNet plan to extend coverage under 42 U.S.C. Section  
20 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) to children who have attained six years of age but have not attained nineteen  
21 years of age as permitted by paragraph (2) of subsection (n) of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d using a  
22 more liberal income assessment methodology as authorized by paragraph (2) of subsection (r) of 42  
23 U.S.C. Section 1396a;

24 (15) The family support division shall not establish a resource eligibility standard in  
25 assessing eligibility for persons under subdivision (12), (13) or (14) of this subsection. The MO  
26 HealthNet division shall define the amount and scope of benefits which are available to individuals  
27 eligible under each of the subdivisions (12), (13), and (14) of this subsection, in accordance with the  
28 requirements of federal law and regulations promulgated thereunder;

29 (16) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, ambulatory prenatal care  
30 shall be made available to pregnant women during a period of presumptive eligibility pursuant to 42  
31 U.S.C. Section 1396r-1, as amended;

32 (17) A child born to a woman eligible for and receiving MO HealthNet benefits under this  
33 section on the date of the child's birth shall be deemed to have applied for MO HealthNet benefits  
34 and to have been found eligible for such assistance under such plan on the date of such birth and to  
35 remain eligible for such assistance for a period of time determined in accordance with applicable  
36 federal and state law and regulations so long as the child is a member of the woman's household and  
37 either the woman remains eligible for such assistance or for children born on or after January 1,  
38 1991, the woman would remain eligible for such assistance if she were still pregnant. Upon  
39 notification of such child's birth, the family support division shall assign a MO HealthNet eligibility

1 identification number to the child so that claims may be submitted and paid under such child's  
2 identification number;

3 (18) Pregnant women and children eligible for MO HealthNet benefits pursuant to  
4 subdivision (12), (13) or (14) of this subsection shall not as a condition of eligibility for MO  
5 HealthNet benefits be required to apply for aid to families with dependent children. The family  
6 support division shall utilize an application for eligibility for such persons which eliminates  
7 information requirements other than those necessary to apply for MO HealthNet benefits. The  
8 division shall provide such application forms to applicants whose preliminary income information  
9 indicates that they are ineligible for aid to families with dependent children. Applicants for MO  
10 HealthNet benefits under subdivision (12), (13) or (14) of this subsection shall be informed of the  
11 aid to families with dependent children program and that they are entitled to apply for such benefits.  
12 Any forms utilized by the family support division for assessing eligibility under this chapter shall be  
13 as simple as practicable;

14 (19) Subject to appropriations necessary to recruit and train such staff, the family support  
15 division shall provide one or more full-time, permanent eligibility specialists to process applications  
16 for MO HealthNet benefits at the site of a health care provider, if the health care provider requests  
17 the placement of such eligibility specialists and reimburses the division for the expenses including  
18 but not limited to salaries, benefits, travel, training, telephone, supplies, and equipment of such  
19 eligibility specialists. The division may provide a health care provider with a part-time or  
20 temporary eligibility specialist at the site of a health care provider if the health care provider  
21 requests the placement of such an eligibility specialist and reimburses the division for the expenses,  
22 including but not limited to the salary, benefits, travel, training, telephone, supplies, and equipment,  
23 of such an eligibility specialist. The division may seek to employ such eligibility specialists who are  
24 otherwise qualified for such positions and who are current or former welfare participants. The  
25 division may consider training such current or former welfare participants as eligibility specialists  
26 for this program;

27 (20) Pregnant women who are eligible for, have applied for and have received MO  
28 HealthNet benefits under subdivision (2), (10), (11) or (12) of this subsection shall continue to be  
29 considered eligible for all pregnancy-related and postpartum MO HealthNet benefits provided under  
30 section 208.152 until the end of the sixty-day period beginning on the last day of their pregnancy.  
31 Pregnant women receiving mental health treatment for postpartum depression or related mental  
32 health conditions within sixty days of giving birth shall, subject to appropriations and any necessary  
33 federal approval, be eligible for MO HealthNet benefits for mental health services for the treatment  
34 of postpartum depression and related mental health conditions for up to twelve additional months.  
35 Pregnant women receiving substance abuse treatment within sixty days of giving birth shall, subject  
36 to appropriations and any necessary federal approval, be eligible for MO HealthNet benefits for  
37 substance abuse treatment and mental health services for the treatment of substance abuse for no  
38 more than twelve additional months, as long as the woman remains adherent with treatment. The  
39 department of mental health and the department of social services shall seek any necessary waivers

1 or state plan amendments from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and shall develop  
2 rules relating to treatment plan adherence. No later than fifteen months after receiving any  
3 necessary waiver, the department of mental health and the department of social services shall report  
4 to the house of representatives budget committee and the senate appropriations committee on the  
5 compliance with federal cost neutrality requirements;

6 (21) Case management services for pregnant women and young children at risk shall be a  
7 covered service. To the greatest extent possible, and in compliance with federal law and regulations,  
8 the department of health and senior services shall provide case management services to pregnant  
9 women by contract or agreement with the department of social services through local health  
10 departments organized under the provisions of chapter 192 or chapter 205 or a city health  
11 department operated under a city charter or a combined city-county health department or other  
12 department of health and senior services designees. To the greatest extent possible the department  
13 of social services and the department of health and senior services shall mutually coordinate all  
14 services for pregnant women and children with the crippled children's program, the prevention of  
15 intellectual disability and developmental disability program and the prenatal care program  
16 administered by the department of health and senior services. The department of social services  
17 shall by regulation establish the methodology for reimbursement for case management services  
18 provided by the department of health and senior services. For purposes of this section, the term  
19 "case management" shall mean those activities of local public health personnel to identify  
20 prospective MO HealthNet-eligible high-risk mothers and enroll them in the state's MO HealthNet  
21 program, refer them to local physicians or local health departments who provide prenatal care under  
22 physician protocol and who participate in the MO HealthNet program for prenatal care and to ensure  
23 that said high-risk mothers receive support from all private and public programs for which they are  
24 eligible and shall not include involvement in any MO HealthNet prepaid, case-managed programs;

25 (22) By January 1, 1988, the department of social services and the department of health and  
26 senior services shall study all significant aspects of presumptive eligibility for pregnant women and  
27 submit a joint report on the subject, including projected costs and the time needed for  
28 implementation, to the general assembly. The department of social services, at the direction of the  
29 general assembly, may implement presumptive eligibility by regulation promulgated pursuant to  
30 chapter 207;

31 (23) All participants who would be eligible for aid to families with dependent children  
32 benefits except for the requirements of paragraph (d) of subdivision (1) of section 208.150;

33 (24) (a) All persons who would be determined to be eligible for old age assistance benefits  
34 under the eligibility standards in effect December 31, 1973, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section  
35 1396a(f), or less restrictive methodologies as contained in the MO HealthNet state plan as of  
36 January 1, 2005; except that, on or after July 1, 2005, less restrictive income methodologies, as  
37 authorized in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(r)(2), may be used to change the income limit if authorized  
38 by annual appropriation;



1 (b) All persons who would be determined to be eligible for aid to the blind benefits under  
2 the eligibility standards in effect December 31, 1973, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(f),  
3 or less restrictive methodologies as contained in the MO HealthNet state plan as of January 1, 2005,  
4 except that less restrictive income methodologies, as authorized in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(r)(2),  
5 shall be used to raise the income limit to one hundred percent of the federal poverty level;

6 (c) All persons who would be determined to be eligible for permanent and total disability  
7 benefits under the eligibility standards in effect December 31, 1973, as authorized by 42 U.S.C.  
8 Section 1396a(f); or less restrictive methodologies as contained in the MO HealthNet state plan as  
9 of January 1, 2005; except that, on or after July 1, 2005, less restrictive income methodologies, as  
10 authorized in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(r)(2), may be used to change the income limit if authorized  
11 by annual appropriations. Eligibility standards for permanent and total disability benefits shall not  
12 be limited by age;

13 (25) Persons who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and who are eligible  
14 for coverage pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII). Such persons shall be  
15 eligible during a period of presumptive eligibility in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-1;

16 (26) Persons who are in foster care under the responsibility of the state of Missouri on the  
17 date such persons attained the age of eighteen years, or at any time during the thirty-day period  
18 preceding their eighteenth birthday, or persons who received foster care for at least six months in  
19 another state, are residing in Missouri, and are at least eighteen years of age, without regard to  
20 income or assets, if such persons:

21 (a) Are under twenty-six years of age;

22 (b) Are not eligible for coverage under another mandatory coverage group; and

23 (c) Were covered by Medicaid while they were in foster care;

24 (27) Any homeless child or homeless youth, as those terms are defined in section 167.020,  
25 subject to approval of a state plan amendment by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;

26 (28) (a) Subject to approval of any necessary state plan amendments or waivers, beginning  
27 on the effective date of this act, pregnant women who are eligible for, have applied for, and have  
28 received MO HealthNet benefits under subdivision (2), (10), (11), or (12) of this subsection shall be  
29 eligible for medical assistance during the pregnancy and during the twelve-month period that begins  
30 on the last day of the woman's pregnancy and ends on the last day of the month in which such  
31 twelve-month period ends, consistent with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(e)(16). The  
32 department shall submit a state plan amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
33 when the number of ineligible MO HealthNet participants removed from the program in 2023  
34 pursuant to section 208.239 exceeds the projected number of beneficiaries likely to enroll in benefits  
35 in 2023 under this subdivision and subdivision (2) of subsection 6 of section 208.662, as determined  
36 by the department, by at least one hundred individuals;

37 (b) The provisions of this subdivision shall remain in effect for any period of time during  
38 which the federal authority under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(e)(16), as amended, or any successor  
39 statutes or implementing regulations, is in effect.

1           2. Rules and regulations to implement this section shall be promulgated in accordance with  
2 chapter 536. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created  
3 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is  
4 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and  
5 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to  
6 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
7 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after  
8 August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void.

9           3. After December 31, 1973, and before April 1, 1990, any family eligible for assistance  
10 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 601, et seq., as amended, in at least three of the last six months  
11 immediately preceding the month in which such family became ineligible for such assistance  
12 because of increased income from employment shall, while a member of such family is employed,  
13 remain eligible for MO HealthNet benefits for four calendar months following the month in which  
14 such family would otherwise be determined to be ineligible for such assistance because of income  
15 and resource limitation. After April 1, 1990, any family receiving aid pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section  
16 601, et seq., as amended, in at least three of the six months immediately preceding the month in  
17 which such family becomes ineligible for such aid, because of hours of employment or income from  
18 employment of the caretaker relative, shall remain eligible for MO HealthNet benefits for six  
19 calendar months following the month of such ineligibility as long as such family includes a child as  
20 provided in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-6. Each family which has received such medical assistance  
21 during the entire six-month period described in this section and which meets reporting requirements  
22 and income tests established by the division and continues to include a child as provided in 42  
23 U.S.C. Section 1396r-6 shall receive MO HealthNet benefits without fee for an additional six  
24 months. The MO HealthNet division may provide by rule and as authorized by annual appropriation  
25 the scope of MO HealthNet coverage to be granted to such families.

26           4. When any individual has been determined to be eligible for MO HealthNet benefits, such  
27 medical assistance will be made available to him or her for care and services furnished in or after  
28 the third month before the month in which he made application for such assistance if such individual  
29 was, or upon application would have been, eligible for such assistance at the time such care and  
30 services were furnished; provided, further, that such medical expenses remain unpaid.

31           5. The department of social services may apply to the federal Department of Health and  
32 Human Services for a MO HealthNet waiver amendment to the Section 1115 demonstration waiver  
33 or for any additional MO HealthNet waivers necessary not to exceed one million dollars in  
34 additional costs to the state, unless subject to appropriation or directed by statute, but in no event  
35 shall such waiver applications or amendments seek to waive the services of a rural health clinic or a  
36 federally qualified health center as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(l)(1) and (2) or the payment  
37 requirements for such clinics and centers as provided in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(a)(15) and  
38 1396a(bb) unless such waiver application is approved by the oversight committee created in section  
39 208.955. A request for such a waiver so submitted shall only become effective by executive order

1 not sooner than ninety days after the final adjournment of the session of the general assembly to  
 2 which it is submitted, unless it is disapproved within sixty days of its submission to a regular session  
 3 by a senate or house resolution adopted by a majority vote of the respective elected members  
 4 thereof, unless the request for such a waiver is made subject to appropriation or directed by statute.

5 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in any given fiscal year, any  
 6 persons made eligible for MO HealthNet benefits under subdivisions (1) to (22) of subsection 1 of  
 7 this section shall only be eligible if annual appropriations are made for such eligibility. This  
 8 subsection shall not apply to classes of individuals listed in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i).

9 7. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a military service member, or  
 10 an immediate family member residing with such military service member, who is a legal resident of  
 11 this state and is eligible for MO HealthNet developmental disability services, shall have his or her  
 12 eligibility for MO HealthNet developmental disability services temporarily suspended for any  
 13 period of time during which such person temporarily resides outside of this state for reasons relating  
 14 to military service, but shall have his or her eligibility immediately restored upon returning to this  
 15 state to reside.

16 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if a military service member, or an  
 17 immediate family member residing with such military service member, is not a legal resident of this  
 18 state, but would otherwise be eligible for MO HealthNet developmental disability services, such  
 19 individual shall be deemed eligible for MO HealthNet developmental disability services for the  
 20 duration of any time in which such individual is temporarily present in this state for reasons relating  
 21 to military service.

22 208.186. The state shall not provide payments, add-ons, or reimbursements to health care  
 23 providers through MO HealthNet for medical assistance services provided to persons who do not  
 24 reside in this state, as determined under 42 CFR 435.403, or any amendments or successor  
 25 regulations thereto.

26 208.239. The department of social services shall resume annual MO HealthNet eligibility  
 27 redeterminations, renewals, and postenrollment verifications no later than thirty days after the  
 28 effective date of this act."; and

29  
 30 Further amend said bill, Page 6, Section 208.247, Line 42, by inserting after all of said section and  
 31 line the following:

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 33 "208.662. 1. There is hereby established within the department of social services the  
 34 "Show-Me Healthy Babies Program" as a separate children's health insurance program (CHIP) for  
 35 any low-income unborn child. The program shall be established under the authority of Title XXI of  
 36 the federal Social Security Act, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, as amended, and 42  
 37 CFR 457.1.

38 2. For an unborn child to be enrolled in the show-me healthy babies program, his or her  
 39 mother shall not be eligible for coverage under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, the

1 Medicaid program, as it is administered by the state, and shall not have access to affordable  
2 employer-subsidized health care insurance or other affordable health care coverage that includes  
3 coverage for the unborn child. In addition, the unborn child shall be in a family with income  
4 eligibility of no more than three hundred percent of the federal poverty level, or the equivalent  
5 modified adjusted gross income, unless the income eligibility is set lower by the general assembly  
6 through appropriations. In calculating family size as it relates to income eligibility, the family shall  
7 include, in addition to other family members, the unborn child, or in the case of a mother with a  
8 multiple pregnancy, all unborn children.

9 3. Coverage for an unborn child enrolled in the show-me healthy babies program shall  
10 include all prenatal care and pregnancy-related services that benefit the health of the unborn child  
11 and that promote healthy labor, delivery, and birth. Coverage need not include services that are  
12 solely for the benefit of the pregnant mother, that are unrelated to maintaining or promoting a  
13 healthy pregnancy, and that provide no benefit to the unborn child. However, the department may  
14 include pregnancy-related assistance as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1397II.

15 4. There shall be no waiting period before an unborn child may be enrolled in the show-me  
16 healthy babies program. In accordance with the definition of child in 42 CFR 457.10, coverage  
17 shall include the period from conception to birth. The department shall develop a presumptive  
18 eligibility procedure for enrolling an unborn child. There shall be verification of the pregnancy.

19 5. Coverage for the child shall continue for up to one year after birth, unless otherwise  
20 prohibited by law or unless otherwise limited by the general assembly through appropriations.

21 6. (1) Pregnancy-related and postpartum coverage for the mother shall begin on the day the  
22 pregnancy ends and extend through the last day of the month that includes the sixtieth day after the  
23 pregnancy ends, unless otherwise prohibited by law or unless otherwise limited by the general  
24 assembly through appropriations. The department may include pregnancy-related assistance as  
25 defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1397II.

26 (2) (a) Subject to approval of any necessary state plan amendments or waivers, beginning  
27 on the effective date of this act, mothers eligible to receive coverage under this section shall receive  
28 medical assistance benefits during the pregnancy and during the twelve-month period that begins on  
29 the last day of the woman's pregnancy and ends on the last day of the month in which such twelve-  
30 month period ends, consistent with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. Section 1397gg(e)(1)(J). The  
31 department shall seek any necessary state plan amendments or waivers to implement the provisions  
32 of this subdivision when the number of ineligible MO HealthNet participants removed from the  
33 program in 2023 pursuant to section 208.239 exceeds the projected number of beneficiaries likely to  
34 enroll in benefits in 2023 under this subdivision and subdivision (28) of subsection 1 of section  
35 208.151, as determined by the department, by at least one hundred individuals.

36 (b) The provisions of this subdivision shall remain in effect for any period of time during  
37 which the federal authority under 42 U.S.C. Section 1397gg(e)(1)(J), as amended, or any successor  
38 statutes or implementing regulations, is in effect.

1           7. The department shall provide coverage for an unborn child enrolled in the show-me  
2 healthy babies program in the same manner in which the department provides coverage for the  
3 children's health insurance program (CHIP) in the county of the primary residence of the mother.

4           8. The department shall provide information about the show-me healthy babies program to  
5 maternity homes as defined in section 135.600, pregnancy resource centers as defined in section  
6 135.630, and other similar agencies and programs in the state that assist unborn children and their  
7 mothers. The department shall consider allowing such agencies and programs to assist in the  
8 enrollment of unborn children in the program, and in making determinations about presumptive  
9 eligibility and verification of the pregnancy.

10           9. Within sixty days after August 28, 2014, the department shall submit a state plan  
11 amendment or seek any necessary waivers from the federal Department of Health and Human  
12 Services requesting approval for the show-me healthy babies program.

13           10. At least annually, the department shall prepare and submit a report to the governor, the  
14 speaker of the house of representatives, and the president pro tempore of the senate analyzing and  
15 projecting the cost savings and benefits, if any, to the state, counties, local communities, school  
16 districts, law enforcement agencies, correctional centers, health care providers, employers, other  
17 public and private entities, and persons by enrolling unborn children in the show-me healthy babies  
18 program. The analysis and projection of cost savings and benefits, if any, may include but need not  
19 be limited to:

20           (1) The higher federal matching rate for having an unborn child enrolled in the show-me  
21 healthy babies program versus the lower federal matching rate for a pregnant woman being enrolled  
22 in MO HealthNet or other federal programs;

23           (2) The efficacy in providing services to unborn children through managed care  
24 organizations, group or individual health insurance providers or premium assistance, or through  
25 other nontraditional arrangements of providing health care;

26           (3) The change in the proportion of unborn children who receive care in the first trimester of  
27 pregnancy due to a lack of waiting periods, by allowing presumptive eligibility, or by removal of  
28 other barriers, and any resulting or projected decrease in health problems and other problems for  
29 unborn children and women throughout pregnancy; at labor, delivery, and birth; and during infancy  
30 and childhood;

31           (4) The change in healthy behaviors by pregnant women, such as the cessation of the use of  
32 tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs, or other harmful practices, and any resulting or projected short-term  
33 and long-term decrease in birth defects; poor motor skills; vision, speech, and hearing problems;  
34 breathing and respiratory problems; feeding and digestive problems; and other physical, mental,  
35 educational, and behavioral problems; and

36           (5) The change in infant and maternal mortality, preterm births and low birth weight babies  
37 and any resulting or projected decrease in short-term and long-term medical and other interventions.

1           11. The show-me healthy babies program shall not be deemed an entitlement program, but  
2 instead shall be subject to a federal allotment or other federal appropriations and matching state  
3 appropriations.

4           12. Nothing in this section shall be construed as obligating the state to continue the show-  
5 me healthy babies program if the allotment or payments from the federal government end or are not  
6 sufficient for the program to operate, or if the general assembly does not appropriate funds for the  
7 program.

8           13. Nothing in this section shall be construed as expanding MO HealthNet or fulfilling a  
9 mandate imposed by the federal government on the state.

10           209.700. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri Employment  
11 First Act".

12           2. As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms  
13 mean:

14           (1) "Competitive integrated employment", work that:

15           (a) Is performed on a full-time or part-time basis, including self-employment, and for which  
16 a person is compensated at a rate that:

17           a. Is no less than the higher of the rate specified in 29 U.S.C. Section 206(a)(1) or the rate  
18 required under any applicable state or local minimum wage law for the place of employment;

19           b. Is no less than the customary rate paid by the employer for the same or similar work  
20 performed by other employees who are not persons with disabilities and who are similarly situated  
21 in similar occupations by the same employer and who have similar training, experience, and skills;

22           c. In the case of a person who is self-employed, yields an income that is comparable to the  
23 income received by other persons who are not persons with disabilities and who are self-employed  
24 in similar occupations or on similar tasks and who have similar training, experience, and skills; and

25           d. Is eligible for the level of benefits provided to other employees;

26           (b) Is at a location:

27           a. Typically found in the community; and

28           b. Where the employee with a disability interacts for the purpose of performing the duties of  
29 the position with other employees within the particular work unit and the entire work site and, as  
30 appropriate to the work performed, other persons, such as customers and vendors, who are not  
31 persons with disabilities, other than supervisory personnel or persons who are providing services to  
32 such employee, to the same extent that employees who are not persons with disabilities and who are  
33 in comparable positions interact with these persons; and

34           (c) Presents, as appropriate, opportunities for advancement that are similar to those for other  
35 employees who are not persons with disabilities and who have similar positions;

36           (2) "Customized employment", competitive integrated employment for a person with a  
37 significant disability that is:

38           (a) Based on an individualized determination of the unique strengths, needs, and interests of  
39 the person with a significant disability;

1 (b) Designed to meet the specific abilities of the person with a significant disability and the  
2 business needs of the employer; and

3 (c) Carried out through flexible strategies, such as:

4 a. Job exploration by the person; and

5 b. Working with an employer to facilitate placement, including:

6 (i) Customizing a job description based on current employer needs or on previously  
7 unidentified and unmet employer needs;

8 (ii) Developing a set of job duties, a work schedule and job arrangement, and specifics of  
9 supervision, including performance evaluation and review, and determining a job location;

10 (iii) Using a professional representative chosen by the person or self-representation, if  
11 elected, to work with an employer to facilitate placement; and

12 (iv) Providing services and supports at the job location;

13 (3) "Disability", a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major  
14 life activities of a person, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.  
15 The term "disability" does not include brief periods of intoxication caused by alcohol or drugs or  
16 dependence upon or addiction to any alcohol or drug;

17 (4) "Employment first", a concept to facilitate the full inclusion of persons with disabilities  
18 in the workplace and community in which community-based, competitive integrated employment is  
19 the first and preferred outcome for employment services for persons with disabilities;

20 (5) "Employment-related services", services provided to persons, including persons with  
21 disabilities, to assist them in finding employment. The term "employment-related services"  
22 includes, but is not limited to, resume development, job fairs, and interview training;

23 (6) "Integrated setting", a setting:

24 (a) Typically found in the community; and

25 (b) Where the employee with a disability interacts for the purpose of performing the duties  
26 of the position with other employees within the particular work unit and the entire work site and, as  
27 appropriate to the work performed, other persons, such as customers and vendors, who are not  
28 persons with disabilities, other than supervisory personnel or persons who are providing services to  
29 such employee, to the same extent that employees who are not persons with disabilities and who are  
30 in comparable positions interact with these persons;

31 (7) "Outcome", with respect to a person entering, advancing in, or retaining full-time or, if  
32 appropriate, part-time competitive integrated employment, including customized employment, self-  
33 employment, telecommuting, or business ownership, or supported employment that is consistent  
34 with a person's unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and  
35 informed choice;

36 (8) "Sheltered workshop", the same meaning given to the term in section 178.900;

37 (9) "State agency", an authority, board, branch, commission, committee, department,  
38 division, or other instrumentality of the executive branch of state government;

1       (10) "Supported employment", competitive integrated employment, including customized  
2 employment, or employment in an integrated setting in which persons are working toward a  
3 competitive integrated employment, that is individualized and customized consistent with the  
4 strengths, abilities, interests, and informed choice of the persons involved who, because of the  
5 nature and severity of their disabilities, need intensive supported employment services and extended  
6 services in order to perform the work involved;

7       (11) "Supported employment services", ongoing support services, including customized  
8 employment, needed to support and maintain a person with a most significant disability in supported  
9 employment, that:

10       (a) Are provided singly or in combination and are organized and made available in such a  
11 way as to assist an eligible person to achieve competitive integrated employment; and

12       (b) Are based on a determination of the needs of an eligible person, as specified in an  
13 individualized plan for employment;

14       (12) "Working age", sixteen years of age or older;

15       (13) "Youth with a disability", any person fourteen years of age or older and under eighteen  
16 years of age who has a disability.

17       3. All state agencies that provide employment-related services or that provide services or  
18 support to persons with disabilities shall:

19       (1) Develop collaborative relationships with each other, confirmed by a written  
20 memorandum of understanding signed by each such state agency; and

21       (2) Implement coordinated strategies to promote competitive integrated employment  
22 including, but not limited to, coordinated service planning, job exploration, increased job training,  
23 and internship opportunities.

24       4. All state agencies that provide employment-related services or that provide services or  
25 support to persons with disabilities shall:

26       (1) Implement an employment first policy by considering competitive integrated  
27 employment as the first and preferred outcome when planning or providing services or supports to  
28 persons with disabilities who are of working age;

29       (2) Offer information on competitive integrated employment to all working-age persons  
30 with disabilities. The information offered shall include an explanation of the relationship between a  
31 person's earned income and his or her public benefits, information on Achieving a Better Life  
32 Experience (ABLE) accounts, and information on accessing assistive technology;

33       (3) Ensure that persons with disabilities receive the opportunity to understand and explore  
34 education and training as pathways to employment, including postsecondary, graduate, and  
35 postgraduate education; vocational and technical training; and other training. State agencies shall  
36 not be required to fund any education or training unless otherwise required by law;

37       (4) Promote the availability and accessibility of individualized training designed to prepare  
38 a person with a disability for the person's preferred employment;



1           (5) Promote partnerships with private agencies that offer supported employment services, if  
2 appropriate;

3           (6) Promote partnerships with employers to overcome barriers to meeting workforce needs  
4 with the creative use of technology and innovation;

5           (7) Ensure that staff members of public schools, vocational service programs, and  
6 community providers receive the support, guidance, and training that they need to contribute to  
7 attainment of the goal of competitive integrated employment for all persons with disabilities;

8           (8) Ensure that competitive integrated employment, while the first and preferred outcome  
9 when planning or providing services or supports to persons with disabilities who are of working age,  
10 is not required of a person with a disability to secure or maintain public benefits for which the  
11 person is otherwise eligible; and

12           (9) At least once each year, discuss basic information about competitive integrated  
13 employment with the parents or guardians of a youth with a disability. If the youth with a disability  
14 has been emancipated, state agencies shall discuss this information with the youth with a disability.  
15 The information offered shall include an explanation of the relationship between a person's earned  
16 income and his or her public benefits, information about ABLE accounts, and information about  
17 accessing assistive technology.

18           5. Nothing in this section shall require a state agency to perform any action that would  
19 interfere with the state agency's ability to fulfill duties and requirements mandated by federal law.

20           6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or disallow any disability benefits to  
21 which a person with a disability who is unable to engage in competitive integrated employment  
22 would otherwise be entitled.

23           7. Nothing in this section shall be construed to eliminate any supported employment  
24 services or sheltered workshop settings as options.

25           8. (1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any state agency or other  
26 employer to give a preference in hiring to persons with disabilities or to prohibit any employment  
27 relationship or program that is otherwise permitted under applicable law.

28           (2) Any person who is employed by a state agency shall meet the minimum qualifications  
29 and requirements for the position in which the person is employed.

30           9. All state agencies that provide employment-related services or that provide services or  
31 support to persons with disabilities shall coordinate efforts and collaborate within and among each  
32 other to ensure that state programs, policies, and procedures support competitive integrated  
33 employment for persons with disabilities who are of working age. All such state agencies, when  
34 feasible, shall share data and information across systems in order to track progress toward full  
35 implementation of this section. All such state agencies are encouraged to adopt measurable goals  
36 and objectives to promote assessment of progress in implementing this section.

37           10. State agencies may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration  
38 of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is  
39 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with

1 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section  
2 and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
3 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
4 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or  
5 adopted after August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void."; and

6  
7 Further amend said bill, Page 7, Section 570.404, Line 20, by inserting after all of said section and  
8 line the following:

9  
10 "Section B. Because of the importance of ensuring healthy pregnancies and healthy women  
11 and children in Missouri in the face of growing maternal mortality and to ensure the integrity of the  
12 MO HealthNet program, sections 208.151, 208.186, 208.239, and 208.662 of this act are deemed  
13 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and are  
14 hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and sections  
15 208.151, 208.186, 208.239, and 208.662 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage  
16 and approval."; and

17  
18 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
19 accordingly.