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102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to preexposure prophylaxis awareness.

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

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.670, to read as follows:

191.670. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known and may be cited as the "Preexposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Awareness Law".

2. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Preexposure prophylaxis", any medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration that is designed to prevent individuals at risk of contracting HIV from contracting HIV;

(2) "Preexposure prophylaxis assistance programs", programs that make preexposure prophylaxis available at no cost to individuals who qualify or that help pay for costs associated with preexposure prophylaxis including, but not limited to, the Ready, Set, PrEP program offered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Gilead Advancing Access Program for preexposure prophylaxis assistance.

3. To raise awareness and to educate the public, the department of health and senior services shall:

(1) Collect and distribute resource materials to educate the public about preexposure prophylaxis assistance programs;

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.

17 **(2) Develop and distribute educational materials, including, but not limited to,**
18 **videos, brochures, and other media, as part of a comprehensive public awareness**
19 **campaign about preexposure prophylaxis assistance programs. The materials shall**
20 **include, but not be limited to, information about:**

21 **(a) The effectiveness of preexposure prophylaxis at preventing HIV;**

22 **(b) The procedures for qualifying for preexposure prophylaxis assistance**
23 **programs;**

24 **(c) The process of obtaining a prescription for preexposure prophylaxis; and**

25 **(d) The health care facilities and providers that offer preexposure prophylaxis**
26 **services;**

27 **(3) Make such educational materials available through state and local public**
28 **health clinics, public hospitals, and private physicians for distribution to their patients**
29 **who request such educational materials. Such materials shall also be available to the**
30 **public on the department's website; and**

31 **(4) Establish a toll-free telephone number to provide information on**
32 **preexposure prophylaxis assistance programs and answer questions and assist**
33 **persons in navigating how to obtain preexposure prophylaxis.**

34 **4. The provisions of this section shall be subject to appropriations.**

35 **5. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Preexposure**
36 **Prophylaxis Fund", which shall consist of appropriations made by the general assembly.**
37 **The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170**
38 **and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a**
39 **dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used by the**
40 **department of health and senior services to implement the provisions of this section.**

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

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

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