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HOUSE BILL NO. 632

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 37, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the office of faith-based initiatives and religious liberty.

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

Section A. Chapter 37, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 37.660, to read as follows:

3 **37.660. 1. There is hereby established within the office of administration the**
4 **"Office of Faith-Based Initiatives and Religious Liberty Advocate", for the purpose of**
5 **strengthening and expanding the role faith-based organizations play in providing social**
6 **services, making information about state grants and other state partnerships more**
7 **accessible, and promoting the fundamental human right to religious liberty.**

8 **2. The office shall be administered by the faith-based initiatives and religious**
9 **liberty advocate, who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of**
10 **the senate. The faith-based initiatives and religious liberty advocate shall hold office for**
11 **a term of six years and shall continue to hold office until a successor has been duly**
12 **appointed. The advocate shall act independently of the office of administration in the**
13 **performance their duties. The office of administration shall provide administrative**
14 **support and staff as deemed necessary.**

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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.