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GOVERNOR  
STATE OF MISSOURI

June 30, 2023

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI  
102nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

Herewith I return to you Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 11 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Social Services and the several divisions and programs thereof 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

Section 11.155

I hereby veto \$1,500,000 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund for a year-round youth jobs program in the City of St. Louis. The adjusted total is more in line with that of similar projects. Additionally, the City of St. Louis allocated \$2.5 million ARPA for this program.

For a program located in a city not within a county, for the purpose of providing year-round paid jobs and internship opportunities and job training for youth residing in the city.

From \$2,500,000 to \$1,000,000 from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund.

I hereby veto \$50,000 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund for a basketball training program. While the plain language of the appropriation states the funds are for a nonprofit "in any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county that uses the game of basketball to build character," the information provided to my administration demonstrates that this basketball training facility is located in Overland Park, Kansas. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Funding cannot be distributed to entities outside the state of Missouri.

For a nonprofit organization in any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county that uses the game of basketball to build character.

From \$50,000 to \$0 from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund.

I hereby veto \$375,000 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund for a Film Camp USA designated state-wide youth program. This is not a good use of taxpayer funds as the cost per camper is estimated to exceed \$1,000. Additionally, this earmark appears to direct public funds to a private company for non-public purposes in violation of Article III, Section 38(a) of the Missouri Constitution.

For a state-wide youth program that provides children from Missouri the opportunity to become a master of their own stories while obtaining transferable skills through acting, directing, and screenwriting in an effort for the children to make movies and memories.

From \$375,000 to \$0 from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund.

I hereby veto \$5,000,000 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund for the United Way organization. The adjusted total is more in line with that of similar projects.

For an organization founded in 1922 that provides and deploys accountable funding and support for nonprofits statewide.

From \$10,000,000 to \$5,000,000 from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund.

From \$65,839,884 to \$58,914,884 in total for the section.

#### Section 11.162

I hereby veto \$30,000 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund for the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations. This is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project. This organization could seek funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program and the City of St. Louis' Community Development Administration. The organization received a combined total of \$149,177 from grant income in 2021.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$30,000 to \$0 from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund.

From \$30,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

#### Section 11.163

I hereby veto \$1,000,000 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund for Annie Malone Children and Family Services. The information provided to my administration demonstrates that these funds may support a capital improvement project. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Funding cannot be disbursed for capital improvement projects.

From \$4,000,000 to \$3,000,000 from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Federal Fund.

From \$4,000,000 to \$3,000,000 in total for the section.



#### Section 11.195

I hereby veto \$1,904,000 general revenue for a cooperatively owned grocery store in St. Louis County. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, this is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project.

For a nonprofit organization founded in 2017 to open a cooperatively owned grocery store.  
From \$1,904,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$14,781,682 to \$12,877,682 in total for the section.

#### Section 11.207

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 general revenue for the staffing, infrastructure, and technology expenses for House Everyone, a homelessness nonprofit. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, this is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project. There are existing state programs aimed at providing services to address homelessness. Funding could be sought through the Missouri Housing Development Commission.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$2,000,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$2,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

#### Section 11.212

I hereby veto \$2,500,000 general revenue for a transitional housing project. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, the adjusted total is more in line with that of similar projects.



From \$3,000,000 to \$500,000 from General Revenue fund.  
From \$3,000,000 to \$500,000 in total for the section.

#### Section 11.220

I hereby veto \$15,000,000 general revenue for grants to organizations for services and programs to assist victims of crime. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, the Fiscal Year 2023 ARPA budget invested \$24 million in extraordinary funding for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program. This line is being reduced to more accurately reflect the estimated loss of federal funding for the affected fiscal year in order to maintain current funding in Fiscal Year 2024.

From \$30,000,000 to \$15,000,000 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$79,331,537 to \$64,331,537 in total for the section.

#### Section 11.225

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 general revenue for grants for services and programs to assist victims of sexual assault. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, the Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 budgets have invested \$39 million in extraordinary funding for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program.

From \$3,750,000 to \$1,750,000 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$6,690,803 to \$4,690,803 in total for the section.

#### Section 11.305

I hereby veto \$1,150,000 Federal Earnings Fund for the purchase of children's and field office family room items in Children's Division. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial

stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, the Fiscal Year 2024 budget invests an additional \$106.9 million in the Children's Division.

For purchase of child items and field office family room items.

From \$1,150,000 to \$0 from Federal Earnings Fund.

From \$129,439,487 to \$128,289,487 in total for the section.

#### Section 11.327

I hereby veto \$500,000 general revenue for kinship placement legal services. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, the Fiscal Year 2024 budget funds an additional 34 legal positions and an additional \$3.7 million in legal resources for the Children's Division.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$500,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$500,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

On June 30, 2023 I approved said Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 11, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,



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Governor