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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 Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute House Bill No. 5 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Office of Administration, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Public Safety, the Chief Executive's Office, 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 5.010

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 general revenue for the electronic monitoring program. 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 budget currently includes \$4 million for this program. This funding would expand the current electronic monitoring pilot program. Time should be given to allow the program to demonstrate success before increasing the state's investment.

From \$6,000,000 to \$4,000,000 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$6,000,000 to \$4,000,000 in total for the section.

Section 5.022

I hereby veto \$12,743,406 federal and other funds for reimbursement to the General Revenue Fund, for costs borne by the General Revenue Fund related to the Fiscal Year 2024 cost-of-living adjustments for state employees. This transfer is unnecessary; there are currently administrative mechanisms to achieve this perceived need.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety.  
From \$10,879,918 to \$0 from Federal Funds.  
From \$1,863,488 to \$0 from Other Funds.  
From \$12,743,406 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 5.170

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 general revenue for Children's Trust Fund evidence-based home visitation programs. 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 budget includes more than \$41.4 million for home visitation programs.

For the purpose of evidence based-home visitation programs.  
From \$2,000,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$23,223,555 to \$21,223,555 in total for the section.

On June 30, 2023 I approved said Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute House Bill No. 5, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael L. Parson  
Governor