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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 for House Bill No. 8 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Public Safety and Department of National Guard 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 8.005

I hereby veto \$2,500,000 general revenue for the Missouri Sheriff's Retirement System. While I am supportive of local law enforcement, this item would duplicate the funding for this purpose within House Bill 5.

For the Office of the Director.

Program Distribution by \$2,500,000 from \$2,500,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$5,723,514 to \$3,223,514 in total from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$8,000 general revenue for the purchase of equipment for the Lone Jack Police Department. 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, while I am supportive of law enforcement officers and have made budget recommendations supporting law enforcement, first responders, and other emergency personnel in this budget and in previous budgets, this item is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project.

For the purchase of equipment for a police department.  
From \$8,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$500,000 Budget Stabilization Fund for a nonprofit organization in St. Joseph to help reduce the incident of violent crime and strengthen police services by researching and analyzing the best practices to help reduce violent 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.

For a nonprofit organization located in any city with more than seventy-one thousand but fewer than seventy-nine thousand inhabitants to help reduce the incident of violent crime and strengthen police services by researching and analyzing the best practices to help reduce violent crime.  
From \$500,000 to \$0 from Budget Stabilization Fund.

I hereby veto \$500,000 general revenue for a communication platform for active duty National Guardsmen, first responders and veterans to receive direct access to chaplains and provide suicide prevention information and resources. 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 over \$35 million in 988 mental health hotline infrastructure to assist citizens statewide experiencing a mental health emergency, including a specific line for veterans where the qualified responders are trained to support veterans. The General Assembly also included \$1 million to market the 988 program for which my administration will use to target national guardsmen, veterans, first responders, and members of our armed forces. Further, the National Guard also has an existing phone application which includes a suicide hotline component. This program would be duplicative of those investments.



For a communication platform for National Guardsmen, first responders, and veterans.  
From \$500,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$68,991,265 to \$65,483,265 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.007

I hereby veto \$2,727,827 State Highways and Transportation Department Fund for planning, design, and construction of a new Troop A Headquarters and related facilities. While I am supportive of law enforcement officers and have made budget recommendations supporting law enforcement, first responders, and other emergency personnel in this budget and in previous budgets, this item cannot be approved in full as the cost of the project is significantly higher than the appropriated amount. These cost increases should not be borne solely by the state. With this veto, the state will still be funding the majority of the cost increase.

From \$6,727,827 to \$4,000,000 from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.  
From \$6,727,827 to \$4,000,000 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.085

I hereby veto \$26,628 general revenue for salary increases for the Capitol Police. 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, while I support the General Assembly's efforts to address recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers, our research indicates that a more targeted approach is needed. Therefore, I am vetoing down this item to provide a \$4,000 across-the-board increase for officers, a \$2,500 increase after seven years of service for officers, as well as targeted increases for identified positions. These increases are on top of the statewide 8.7% increase that went into effect March 1, 2023. This approach will enable us to offer competitive pay for our law enforcement officers while maintaining a sustainable budget.

Personal Service by \$26,628 from \$2,555,002 to \$2,528,374 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$2,719,895 to \$2,693,267 in total from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$2,719,895 to \$2,693,267 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.090

I hereby veto \$331,255, including \$11,828 general revenue, for salary increases for the Highway Patrol. 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, while I support the General Assembly's efforts to address recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers, our research indicates that a more targeted approach is needed. Therefore, I am vetoing down this item to provide a \$4,000 increase for troopers, troopers first class, corporals and sergeants; a \$2,500 increase after seven years of service for uniformed members; as well as targeted increases for identified non-uniformed positions. These increases are on top of the statewide 8.7% increase that went into effect March 1, 2023. This approach will enable us to offer competitive pay for our law enforcement officers while maintaining a sustainable budget.

For Administration.

Personal Service by \$11,828 from \$369,516 to \$357,688 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$395,021 to \$383,193 in total from General Revenue Fund.

Personal Service by \$319,427 from \$9,647,629 to \$9,328,202 from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

From \$10,270,684 to \$9,951,257 in total from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

From \$13,352,848 to \$13,021,593 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.095

I hereby veto \$4,172,393, including \$146,521 general revenue, for fringe benefit increases for the Highway Patrol. 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 funding is being adjusted to match the pay increase for the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Personal Service by \$146,521 from \$18,776,324 to \$18,629,803 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$20,237,611 to \$20,091,090 in total from General Revenue Fund.

Personal Service by \$23,978 from \$4,635,397 to \$4,611,419 from Department of Public Safety Federal Fund.

From \$4,871,307 to \$4,847,329 in total from Department of Public Safety Federal Fund.

Personal Service by \$19,184 from \$1,747,093 to \$1,727,909 from Water Patrol Division Fund.

From \$1,887,251 to \$1,868,067 in total from Water Patrol Division Fund.

Personal Service by \$3,976,961 from \$107,850,863 to \$103,873,902 from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

From \$116,384,047 to \$112,407,086 in total from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

Personal Service by \$5,749 from \$4,214,902 to \$4,209,153 from Criminal Record System Fund.

From \$4,531,496 to \$4,525,747 in total from Criminal Record System Fund.

From \$148,970,941 to \$144,798,548 in total for the section.



## Section 8.100

I hereby veto \$4,782,802, including \$218,634 general revenue, for salary increases for the Highway Patrol. 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, while I support the General Assembly's efforts to address recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers, our research indicates that a more targeted approach is needed. Therefore, I am vetoing down this item to provide a \$4,000 increase for troopers, troopers first class, corporals and sergeants; a \$2,500 increase after seven years of service for uniformed members; as well as targeted increases for identified non-uniformed positions. These increases are on top of the statewide 8.7% increase that went into effect March 1, 2023. This approach will enable us to offer competitive pay for our law enforcement officers while maintaining a sustainable budget.

For the Enforcement Program.

Personal Service by \$198,610 from \$15,404,585 to \$15,205,975 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$17,846,672 to \$17,648,062 in total from General Revenue Fund.

Personal Service by \$4,550,906 from \$100,014,289 to \$95,463,383 from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

From \$107,117,227 to \$102,566,321 in total from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

Personal Service by \$11,953 from \$243,310 to \$231,357 from Water Patrol Division Fund.

From \$243,310 to \$231,357 in total from Water Patrol Division Fund.

For the Governor's Security Detail.

Personal Service and/or Expense and Equipment by \$20,024 from \$1,217,273 to \$1,197,249 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$1,217,273 to \$1,197,249 in total from General Revenue Fund.

For receiving and expending grants, donations, contracts, and payments.

Personal Service by \$1,309 from \$6,336,173 to \$6,334,864 from Department of Public Safety Federal Fund.

From \$12,191,513 to \$12,190,204 in total from Department of Public Safety Federal Fund.

From \$154,124,628 to \$149,341,826 in total for the section.

## Section 8.105

I hereby veto \$27,135, including \$5,606 general revenue, for salary increases for the Highway Patrol. 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, while I support the General Assembly's efforts to address recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers, our research indicates that a more targeted approach is needed. Therefore, I am vetoing down this item to provide a \$4,000 increase for troopers, troopers first class, corporals and sergeants; a \$2,500 increase after seven years of service for uniformed members; as well as targeted increases for identified non-uniformed positions. These increases are on top of the statewide 8.7% increase that went into effect March 1, 2023. This approach will enable us to offer competitive pay for our law enforcement officers while maintaining a sustainable budget.

Personal Service by \$5,606 from \$4,817,614 to \$4,812,008 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$5,102,378 to \$5,096,772 in total from General Revenue Fund.

Personal Service by \$576 from \$363,130 to \$362,554 from Department of Public Safety Federal Fund.

From \$3,813,864 to \$3,813,288 in total from Department of Public Safety Federal Fund.

Personal Service by \$20,953 from \$2,288,339 to \$2,267,386 from Water Patrol Division Fund.

From \$4,102,066 to \$4,081,113 in total from Water Patrol Division Fund.

From \$13,034,807 to \$13,007,672 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.125

I hereby veto \$34,617, including \$7,875 general revenue, for salary increases for the Highway Patrol. 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, while I support the General Assembly's efforts to address recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers, our research indicates that a more targeted approach is needed. Therefore, I am vetoing down this item to provide a \$4,000 increase for troopers, troopers first class, corporals and sergeants; a \$2,500 increase after seven years of service for uniformed members; as well as targeted increases for identified non-uniformed positions. These increases are on top of the statewide 8.7% increase that went into effect March 1, 2023. This approach will enable us to offer competitive pay for our law enforcement officers while maintaining a sustainable budget.

Personal Service by \$7,875 from \$202,850 to \$194,975 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$202,850 to \$194,975 in total from General Revenue Fund.

Personal Service by \$26,742 from \$2,075,200 to \$2,048,458 from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

From \$2,579,064 to \$2,552,322 in total from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

From \$3,632,872 to \$3,598,255 in total for the section.



#### Section 8.130

I hereby veto \$607,650 State Highways and Transportation Department Fund for salary increases for the Highway Patrol. 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, while I support the General Assembly's efforts to address recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers, our research indicates that a more targeted approach is needed. Therefore, I am vetoing down this item to provide a \$4,000 increase for troopers, troopers first class, corporals and sergeants; a \$2,500 increase after seven years of service for uniformed members; as well as targeted increases for identified non-uniformed positions. These increases are on top of the statewide 8.7% increase that went into effect March 1, 2023. This approach will enable us to offer competitive pay for our law enforcement officers while maintaining a sustainable budget.

Personal Service by \$607,650 from \$14,831,796 to \$14,224,146 from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

From \$15,924,624 to \$15,316,974 in total from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

From \$16,790,406 to \$16,182,756 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.140

I hereby veto \$1,373,305, including \$7,380 general revenue, for salary increases for the Highway Patrol. 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, while I support the General Assembly's efforts to address recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers, our research indicates that a more targeted approach is needed. Therefore, I am vetoing down this item to provide a \$4,000 increase for troopers, troopers first class, corporals and sergeants; a \$2,500 increase after seven years of service for uniformed members; as well as targeted increases for identified non-uniformed positions. These increases are on top of the statewide 8.7% increase that went into effect March 1, 2023. This approach will enable us to offer competitive pay for our law enforcement officers while maintaining a sustainable budget.



For Technical Services.

Personal Service by \$7,380 from \$304,065 to \$296,685 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$1,592,215 to \$1,584,835 in total from General Revenue Fund.

Personal Service by \$39,243 from \$582,326 to \$543,083 from Department of Public Safety Federal Fund.

From \$5,577,611 to \$5,538,368 in total from Department of Public Safety Federal Fund.

Personal Service by \$1,316,821 from \$21,362,018 to \$20,045,197 from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

From \$49,284,674 to \$47,967,853 in total from State Highways and Transportation Department Fund.

Personal Service by \$9,861 from \$4,647,241 to \$4,637,380 from Criminal Record System Fund.

From \$9,882,046 to \$9,872,185 in total from Criminal Record System Fund.

From \$71,433,794 to \$70,060,489 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.165

I hereby veto \$376,571 general revenue for the Lone Jack Fire Protection District. 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, while I am supportive of first responders and have made budget recommendations supporting law enforcement, first responders, and other emergency personnel in this budget and in previous budgets, this is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms, such as the ARPA First Responders grant, exist for this purpose. My veto in 20.150 removing the cap on public safety grants allows this project to pursue that state grant funding opportunity.

For a non-for profit fire protection district that provides services to a city with more than one thousand three hundred but fewer than one thousand five hundred inhabitants and located in a county with more than seven hundred thousand but fewer than eight hundred thousand inhabitants.

From \$376,571 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$12,953,615 to \$12,577,044 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.181

I hereby veto \$1,000,000 Budget Stabilization Fund for a grant to a veteran-only, non-profit, homeless shelter in Columbia. 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.



Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$1,000,000 to \$0 from Budget Stabilization Fund.  
From \$1,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.185

I hereby veto \$3,000,000 general revenue for the restoration, renovation, maintenance, and improvements to a World War I Memorial and Museum. 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.

From \$10,000,000 to \$7,000,000 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$10,150,000 to \$7,150,000 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.215

I hereby veto \$93,038 Gaming Commission Fund for salary increases for the Highway Patrol. 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, while I support the General Assembly's efforts to address recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers, our research indicates that a more targeted approach is needed. Therefore, I am vetoing down this item to provide a \$4,000 increase for troopers, troopers first class, corporals and sergeants, a \$2,500 increase after seven years of service for uniformed members, as well as targeted increases for identified non-uniformed positions. These increases are on top of the statewide 8.7% increase that went into effect March 1, 2023. This approach will enable us to offer competitive pay for our law enforcement officers while maintaining a sustainable budget.

Personal Service by \$93,038 from \$18,960,572 to \$18,867,534 from Gaming Commission Fund.  
From \$20,696,480 to \$20,603,442 in total from Gaming Commission Fund.  
From \$20,752,790 to \$20,659,752 in total for the section.



#### Section 8.220

I hereby veto \$54,241 Gaming Commission Fund for fringe benefit increases for the Highway Patrol. 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. This funding is being adjusted to match the pay increase for the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Personal Service by \$54,241 from \$8,686,542 to \$8,632,301 from Gaming Commission Fund.  
From \$9,015,141 to \$8,960,900 in total from Gaming Commission Fund.  
From \$9,015,141 to \$8,960,900 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.270

I hereby veto \$1,413,500 general revenue for expenses of Missouri Task Force 1. 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.

From \$1,963,500 to \$550,000 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$1,963,500 to \$550,000 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.500

I hereby veto \$132,000 general revenue for salary increases for National Guard administrative personnel. 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, these salary increases for the Missouri National Guard are duplicative of federal funds for the same purpose. Additionally, this item affects a narrow group of employees who are already receiving pay increases under the 8.7% statewide pay plan and without a demonstrated need for targeted salary increases.



Personal Service by \$132,000 from \$1,728,099 to \$1,596,099 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$1,869,129 to \$1,737,129 in total from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$2,110,062 to \$1,978,062 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.501

I hereby veto \$2,018,000 general revenue for reenlistment incentives. 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, reenlistment incentives for federal employees should be a federal responsibility. This budget also includes other related incentives such as tuition assistance and other important programs.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$2,018,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$2,018,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.540

I hereby veto \$16,070 general revenue for firearms for Missouri Military Forces Contract 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 state should not bear the fiscal responsibility for increases in federal regulation.

For Missouri Military Forces Contract Services.  
Expense and Equipment by \$16,070 from \$35,843 to \$19,773 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$630,713 to \$614,643 in total from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$38,352,231 to \$38,336,161 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.545

I hereby veto \$71,000 general revenue for the Office of Air Search and Rescue. 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.

From \$112,243 to \$41,243 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$112,243 to \$41,243 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. 8, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Parson", with a stylized, cursive script.

Michael L. Parson  
Governor