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

Herewith I return to you Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2008 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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Section 8.005

I hereby veto \$1 Crime Victims' Compensation Fund for a commercial, real-time automated victim notification system. I also hereby veto the words "commercial," "Missouri Sheriffs, and Missouri Department of Corrections", "a single time", and "; the contracted commercial entity shall house and maintain information necessary to provide automated victim notifications and provide a 24/7 call center for victim support." This language is overly restrictive and may conflict with subsection 650.310.3, RSMo. The Department of Public Safety will continue to coordinate with Missouri Sheriffs and the Missouri Department of Corrections to provide crime victim notifications.

For the purpose of providing funding to procure a victim notification system.  
From \$1,400,000 to \$1,399,999 from Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

From \$45,025,393 to \$45,025,392 in total for the section.

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## Section 8.006

I hereby veto \$3,500,000 general revenue to procure a commercial off-the-shelf automated, modernized crime victim notification software that interfaces with the Department of Public Safety system servicing the Department of Corrections. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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. Additionally, this program provides one-time funding to support ongoing program costs, which could jeopardize the program's future sustainability. Further, it appears this item is duplicative of similar information that is already offered through the State.

To procure a commercial off-the-shelf automated, modernized crime victim notification software.

From \$3,500,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$250,000 general revenue for a minority police officer recruitment and retention program in St. Louis. I also hereby veto the words “, office and administration costs.” The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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. Additionally, the remaining funding of \$250,000 for this program is still an increase of \$100,000 over Fiscal Year 2024 funding.

For a minority police officer recruitment and retention program.

From \$500,000 to \$250,000 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$100,000 Budget Stabilization Fund for the Raytown Fire Protection District mobile integrated healthcare and community paramedic program. The General Assembly grossly overappropriated Budget Stabilization Funds. Additionally, this program provides one-time funding to support ongoing program costs, which could jeopardize the program's future sustainability.

For a fire protection district.  
From \$100,000 to \$0 from Budget Stabilization Fund.

I hereby veto \$2,500,000 general revenue for firearm detection software in schools. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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. Additionally, although the language does not identify a specific vendor, this appropriation appears to describe a specific vendor's platform. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is subject to State purchasing laws set forth in Chapter 34, RSMo, and must follow those laws when selecting a vendor rather than contracting with a particular vendor. Further, DPS is without the knowledge or expertise needed to determine each of the exact criteria described in this section. Finally, this program provides one-time funding to support ongoing program costs, which could jeopardize the program's future sustainability.

For procurement of firearm detection software in schools.  
From \$2,500,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$50,000 general revenue for a speed limit enforcement device in Raytown. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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, funding is already available for this purpose through existing State programs aimed at addressing highway safety, such as the Missouri Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Grant Program.

For a speed limit enforcement device.  
From \$50,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$300,000 Budget Stabilization Fund for a cybercrime task force in Jasper County. The General Assembly grossly overappropriated Budget Stabilization Funds. Additionally, the Department of Public Safety's State Cyber Crime Grant already distributes funding to local cybercrime task forces.

For a cybercrime task force in Jasper County.  
From \$300,000 to \$0 from Budget Stabilization Fund.

From \$6,950,000 to \$250,000 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.215

I hereby veto \$230,000 Boiler and Pressure Vessels Safety Fund for boiler inspectors. The State is unable to determine the specific use of this funding. Without detailed information, it would be irresponsible for the State to use taxpayer dollars to fund this increase.

Personal Service by \$195,500 from \$758,805 to \$563,305 from Boiler and Pressure Vessels Safety Fund.  
Expense and Equipment by \$34,500 from \$98,443 to \$63,943 from Boiler and Pressure Vessels Safety Fund.  
From \$857,248 to \$627,248 in total from Boiler and Pressure Vessels Safety Fund.

I hereby veto \$1,000,000 general revenue for the construction and renovation of a fire station in Eminence. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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 line is being reduced to more accurately reflect the estimated cost of the project.

For the construction and renovation of a fire station located in Eminence.  
From \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$12,326,110 to \$11,096,110 in total for the section.

#### Section 8.231

I hereby veto \$1,000,000 Budget Stabilization Fund for a grant to a veteran-only, non-profit, homeless shelter in Columbia. The General Assembly grossly overappropriated Budget Stabilization Funds. Further, over the last two years, the State has invested \$7.5 million for homeless services in the Columbia area, including \$1.5 million targeted for veterans.

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 8.501

I hereby veto \$6,000,000 general revenue for the defense of the southern border. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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, I already recommended and the General Assembly approved, \$2,000,000 in the Fiscal Year 2024 supplemental budget for this purpose. The National Guard's deployment to the southern border has since concluded. The Fiscal Year 2025 budget already includes funding that could be used to support another short-term mission if there is need to deploy the National Guard again in support of our nation's border security.

For the defense of the southern border of the United States by the National Guard  
From \$8,000,000 to \$2,000,000 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$500,000 general revenue for technology assistance for National Guard suicide prevention. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal

Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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. Additionally, the Fiscal Year 2025 budget invests over \$3 million to support and enhance infrastructure, communications and marketing, evaluation, and specialized training for the 988 Program as well as another \$7 million to support the mental health needs of first responders, veterans, and other vulnerable groups. My Administration will use that funding to target national guardsmen, veterans, first responders, and members of our armed forces. Further, it appears this item is duplicative of existing services provided within the Missouri National Guard.

For technology assistance to prevent National Guard members suicides or members in need of assistance with traumatic issues or members in need of life coaching.

From \$500,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$8,500,000 to \$2,000,000 in total for the section.

On June 28, 2024 I approved said Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute House Bill No. 2008, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,



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Governor