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HOUSE BILL NO. 1308

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHIELDS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 161.412, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to grants to deaf-blind individuals and families.

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

Section A. Section 161.412, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 161.412, to read as follows:

161.412. 1. Subject to appropriations, the Missouri commission for the deaf and hard of hearing shall provide grants to:

(1) Organizations that provide services for deaf-blind children and their families. Such services may include providing family support advocates to assist deaf-blind children in participating in their communities and family education specialists to teach parents and siblings skills to support the deaf-blind children in their family;

(2) Organizations that provide services for deaf-blind adults. Such grants shall be used to provide assistance to deaf-blind adults who are working towards establishing and maintaining independence; and

(3) Organizations that train support service providers. Such grants shall be used to provide training that will lead to certification of support service providers in Missouri.

2. The commission shall use a request-for-proposal process to award the grants in this section. Organizations that receive grants under this section may expend the grant for any purpose authorized in this section. ~~[The total amount of grants provided under this section shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars annually.]~~

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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.