

HOUSE BILL NO. 2955

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 135, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a tax credit for providing services to homeless persons.

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

Section A. Chapter 135, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 135.390, to read as follows:

135.390. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

2 **(1) "Department", the department of economic development;**

3 **(2) "Eligible taxpayer", a taxpayer who is a:**

4 **(a) Qualified provider of employment services to homeless persons;**

5 **(b) Qualified provider of employment to homeless persons; or**

6 **(c) Qualified provider of housing to homeless persons;**

7 **(3) "Homeless", the same meaning as assigned to that term under section**
8 **67.1062;**

9 **(4) "Qualified provider of employment services to homeless persons", a taxpayer**
10 **who has been certified pursuant to subsection 4 of this section;**

11 **(5) "Qualified provider of employment to homeless persons", a taxpayer who**
12 **has been certified pursuant to subsection 5 of this section;**

13 **(6) "Qualified provider of housing to homeless persons", a taxpayer who has**
14 **been certified pursuant to subsection 6 of this section;**

15 **(7) "Tax credit", a credit against the tax otherwise due pursuant to chapter 143,**
16 **excluding withholding tax imposed pursuant to sections 143.191 to 143.265;**

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.

17 **(8) "Taxpayer", a person, firm, a partner in a firm, corporation, or a**
18 **shareholder in an S corporation doing business in the state of Missouri and subject to**
19 **the state income tax imposed by the provisions of chapter 143, including any charitable**
20 **organization which is exempt from federal income tax and whose Missouri unrelated**
21 **business taxable income, if any, would be subject to the state income tax imposed under**
22 **chapter 143.**

23 **2. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, an eligible taxpayer**
24 **shall be allowed to claim a tax credit against such taxpayer's income tax liability in an**
25 **amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars for each tax year in which the eligible**
26 **taxpayer is a qualified provider of employment services, a qualified provider of**
27 **employment, or a qualified provider of housing services to homeless persons. Tax**
28 **credits authorized by this section shall not be refundable or transferable, but may be**
29 **carried forward to a taxpayer's subsequent three tax years.**

30 **3. The total amount of tax credits authorized under this section shall not exceed**
31 **one million dollars per fiscal year.**

32 **4. The department shall be responsible for creating and publishing guidelines for**
33 **determining who is a qualified provider of employment services to homeless persons.**
34 **The department shall create an application for taxpayers to apply to be certified as**
35 **qualified providers of employment services to homeless persons. In order to receive**
36 **such certification, a taxpayer shall, at a minimum, demonstrate that such taxpayer**
37 **provides services or training designed specifically to help homeless persons find and**
38 **secure meaningful employment opportunities. Examples of taxpayers who may receive**
39 **such a certification include, but are not limited to, workforce development agencies and**
40 **employment training agencies who provide educational and job-seeking services**
41 **tailored specifically for homeless persons. Any certification granted under this**
42 **subsection shall be valid for twelve months, and such certification may be reauthorized**
43 **for subsequent years.**

44 **5. The department shall be responsible for creating and publishing guidelines for**
45 **determining who is a qualified provider of employment to homeless persons. The**
46 **department shall create an application for taxpayers to apply to be certified as qualified**
47 **providers of employment to homeless persons. In order to receive such certification, a**
48 **taxpayer shall, at a minimum, demonstrate that such taxpayer provides employment of**
49 **at least twenty-eight hours per week, at a wage rate that meets or exceeds the state**
50 **minimum wage rate under section 290.502, to one or more homeless persons. Any**
51 **certification granted under this subsection shall be valid for twelve months, and such**
52 **certification may be reauthorized for subsequent years.**

53 **6. The department shall be responsible for creating and publishing guidelines for**
54 **determining who is a qualified provider of housing for homeless persons. The**
55 **department shall create an application for taxpayers to apply to be certified as qualified**
56 **providers of housing to homeless persons. In order to receive such certification, a**
57 **taxpayer shall, at a minimum, demonstrate that such taxpayer leases, rents, or provides**
58 **free of charge adequate income-based residential housing to homeless persons. Any**
59 **certification granted under this subsection shall be valid for twelve months, and such**
60 **certification may be reauthorized for subsequent years.**

61 **7. The department shall design and publish an application for taxpayers to**
62 **receive the credit authorized in this section. The application shall require a taxpayer to**
63 **provide proof that such taxpayer has been certified or recertified, within one calendar**
64 **year of the date such application is received by the department, as a qualified provider**
65 **of employment services, employment, or housing to homeless persons, under subsections**
66 **4 to 6 of this section. Applications shall be accepted and approved by the department on**
67 **a first-come, first-served basis. Subject to the provisions of subsection 3 of this section,**
68 **the department shall issue certificates of eligibility to those taxpayers who submit**
69 **applications which have been approved.**

70 **8. The tax credit authorized pursuant to this section shall be considered a**
71 **domestic and social tax credit for the purposes of sections 135.800 to 135.830.**

72 **9. The department may promulgate such rules or regulations as are necessary to**
73 **administer the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is**
74 **defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section**
75 **shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of**
76 **chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are**
77 **nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to**
78 **chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are**
79 **subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule**
80 **proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.**

81 **10. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri Sunset Act:**

82 **(1) The program authorized pursuant to this section shall automatically sunset**
83 **December 31, 2032, unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly;**

84 **(2) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year**
85 **immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized pursuant to**
86 **this section is sunset; and**

87 **(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to impair or impede**
88 **the state's fulfillment of any obligations, including the authorization, issuance, or**

89 **redemption of tax credits, incurred pursuant to this section prior to the date the**
90 **program authorized pursuant to this section is sunset.**

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