

# HOUSE BILL NO. 3523

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHARPE (4).

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 217, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of the "Homes for Missouri Program" within the department of corrections.

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

Section A. Chapter 217, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 217.995, to read as follows:

**217.995. 1. There is hereby established within the department of corrections the "Homes for Missouri Program". Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, the director is authorized to contract with nonprofit entities for inmate work involving the construction of single-family homes and other residential structures in areas within the state with documented affordable housing shortages with such single-family homes and other structures to be sold at below-market, cost-based prices.**

**2. The department may contract with one or more nonprofit organizations to administer, manage, market, or otherwise operate the program. Any contract authorized under this section shall be in compliance with state and federal law.**

**3. Participation in the program shall be voluntary and contingent upon eligibility criteria established by the department.**

**4. The program shall incorporate structured vocational training and workforce development components including, but not limited to:**

**(1) On the job training in residential construction trades including, but not limited to, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, masonry, framing, and roofing;**

**(2) Classroom instruction integrated with hands-on construction experience;**

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           **(3) Opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials and certifications**  
18 **including, but not limited to, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)**  
19 **safety certifications, National Center for Construction Education and Research**  
20 **(NCCER) credentials, apprenticeship hours recognized by the Missouri department of**  
21 **labor and industrial relations, and other credentials approved by the department; and**

22           **(4) Documentation of hours worked and competencies achieved to assist**  
23 **participants in securing post-release employment.**

24           **5. The director of the department of corrections may promulgate all necessary**  
25 **rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a**  
26 **rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority**  
27 **delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to**  
28 **all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and**  
29 **chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly**  
30 **pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul**  
31 **a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority**  
32 **and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.**

33           **6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

34           **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall sunset**  
35 **six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized by an act of the**  
36 **general assembly; and**

37           **(2) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year**  
38 **immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this**  
39 **section is sunset.**

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