

HB 3470 -- ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITHIN DEPT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SPONSOR: Schmidt

This bill establishes the "Hope Missouri" act. The bill requires the Department of Social Services to coordinate with various State agencies and a partner network to assist participants in achieving personal goals, self-sufficiency, community integration, and a prosperous future.

The bill creates the "Hope Missouri" program within the Department of Social Services. Participation in the Program is limited to legal residents who are 18 years of age or older, except as otherwise specified in the bill. State departments and agencies are required to participate in the Program at the direction of the Governor. In order to use government resources more effectively and efficiently, participating State departments and agencies shall use existing resources and personnel, to the extent possible, to operate the Program.