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HOUSE BILL NO. 2377

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLY (141).

5132H.011

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 251.070 and 660.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to implementation of the Older Americans Act.

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

Section A. Sections 251.070 and 660.010, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 192.2001 and 660.010, to read as follows:

2 ~~[251.070.]~~ **192.2001.** The department shall be responsible for the implementation of
2 the Older Americans Act in Missouri. This agency shall develop a state plan describing a
3 program for carrying out the Older Americans Act and shall be the sole agency responsible
4 for coordinating all state programs related to the implementation of such plan.

660.010. 1. There is hereby created a "Department of Social Services" in charge of a
2 director appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. All the
3 powers, duties and functions of the director of the department of public health and welfare,
4 chapters 191 and 192, and others, not previously reassigned by executive reorganization plan
5 number 2 of 1973 as submitted by the governor under chapter 26 except those assigned to the
6 department of mental health, are transferred by type I transfer to the director of the
7 department of social services and the office of the director, department of public health and
8 welfare is abolished. The department of public health and welfare is abolished. All
9 employees of the department of social services shall be covered by the provisions of chapter
10 36 except the director of the department and the director's secretary, all division directors and
11 their secretaries, and no more than three additional positions in each division which may be
12 designated by the division director.

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.

13 2. It is the intent of the general assembly in establishing the department of social
14 services, as provided herein, to authorize the director of the department to coordinate the
15 state's programs devoted to those unable to provide for themselves and for the rehabilitation
16 of victims of social disadvantage. The director shall use the resources provided to the
17 department to provide comprehensive programs and leadership striking at the roots of
18 dependency, disability and abuse of society's rules with the purpose of improving service and
19 economical operations. The department is directed to take all steps possible to consolidate
20 and coordinate the field operations of the department to maximize service to the citizens of
21 the state.

22 3. All references to the division of welfare shall hereafter be construed to mean the
23 department of social services or the appropriate division within the department.

24 4. The state's responsibility under public law 452 of the eighty-eighth Congress and
25 others, pertaining to the Office of Economic Opportunity, is transferred by type I transfer to
26 the department of social services.

27 5. ~~[The state's responsibility under public law 73, Older Americans Act of 1965, of~~
28 ~~the eighty-ninth Congress is transferred by type I transfer to the department of social services.~~

29 ~~6.]~~ 6. All the powers, duties and functions vested by law in the curators of the
30 University of Missouri relating to crippled children's services, chapter 201, are transferred by
31 type I transfer to the department of social services.

32 ~~[7.]~~ 6. All the powers, duties and functions vested in the state board of training
33 schools, chapter 219 and others, are transferred by type I transfer to the "Division of Youth
34 Services" hereby authorized in the department of social services headed by a director
35 appointed by the director of the department. The state board of training schools shall be
36 reconstituted as an advisory board on youth services, appointed by the director of the
37 department. The advisory board shall visit each facility of the division as often as possible,
38 shall file a written report with the director of the department and the governor on conditions
39 they observed relating to the care and rehabilitative efforts in behalf of children assigned to
40 the facility, the security of the facility and any other matters pertinent in their judgment.
41 Copies of these reports shall be filed with the legislative library. Members of the advisory
42 board shall receive reimbursement for their expenses and twenty-five dollars a day for each
43 day they engage in official business relating to their duties. The members of the board shall
44 be provided with identification means by the director of the division permitting immediate
45 access to all facilities enabling them to make unannounced entrance to facilities they wish to
46 inspect.