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HOUSE BILL NO. 819

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto nine new sections relating to the Missouri hospital safety grant program.

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

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto nine new sections, to
2 be known as sections 192.1250, 192.1255, 192.1260, 192.1265, 192.1270, 192.1275,
3 192.1280, 192.1285, and 192.1290, to read as follows:

192.1250. As used in sections 192.1250 to 192.1290, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "Department", the department of health and senior services;
- 3 (2) "Grant", a grant to a hospital under the program;
- 4 (3) "Hospital", the same meaning given to the term in section 197.020;
- 5 (4) "Program", the Missouri hospital safety grant program established in
6 section 192.1255.

**192.1255. 1. Subject to appropriation, the department shall establish the
2 "Missouri Hospital Safety Grant Program" to provide grants to hospitals in this state to
3 improve their safety and security through physical security upgrades, training
4 programs for security personnel and other hospital staff, and the remodeling or
5 redesigning of hospital entrances and exits as described in section 192.1265.**

**2. The department shall award grants for each fiscal year beginning with grants
7 for fiscal year 2027 and ending with grants for the fiscal year immediately preceding the
8 fiscal year in which the program sunsets under section 192.1285. All grants shall be
9 awarded from the fund established under section 192.1280.**

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.

10 **3. The total amount of grants that may be awarded to a single hospital under the**
11 **program in any one fiscal year shall not exceed one million dollars.**

12 **4. The total amount of grants that may be awarded to all hospitals under the**
13 **program in any one fiscal year shall not exceed twenty million dollars.**

192.1260. 1. Any hospital seeking a grant under the program shall submit an
2 **application to the department at least sixty days before July first of the fiscal year for**
3 **which the grant is sought.**

4 **2. A hospital shall be eligible for a grant if the hospital:**

5 **(1) Is licensed under chapter 197 and located within this state;**

6 **(2) Submits a detailed grant application that outlines the specific security needs**
7 **of the hospital and how the funds will be used to address those needs; and**

8 **(3) Provides a cost breakdown of the proposed improvements, including any**
9 **security systems, personnel training, and structural renovations.**

192.1265. Any hospital awarded a grant shall use the grant moneys solely for:

2 **(1) Enhanced security measures, including the installation of surveillance**
3 **systems, access control systems, lighting, and alarm systems;**

4 **(2) The remodeling or redesigning of hospital entrances and exits to improve**
5 **security and prevent unauthorized access;**

6 **(3) Training programs for hospital security personnel on emergency response**
7 **protocols, conflict de-escalation, and the use of security technologies; or**

8 **(4) Training for other hospital staff to recognize security threats, manage patient**
9 **safety, and respond to security emergencies effectively.**

192.1270. 1. The department shall establish a review committee to evaluate all
2 **grant applications based on the following criteria:**

3 **(1) The severity of the security needs of the hospital;**

4 **(2) The feasibility of the proposed use of grant funds; and**

5 **(3) The demonstrated ability of the hospital to complete the proposed security**
6 **improvements within a reasonable time frame.**

7 **2. The department shall award grants based on the review committee's**
8 **evaluation and shall notify hospitals of their award status within thirty days after the**
9 **date on which the grant applications were due.**

192.1275. 1. Any hospital that receives a grant under the program shall submit
2 **an annual report to the department detailing:**

3 **(1) The progress made in implementing the funded security measures;**

4 **(2) Any challenges encountered in executing the security improvements; and**

5 **(3) A summary of training programs provided to hospital staff and security**
6 **personnel.**

7 2. Any hospital that receives a grant for security upgrades shall complete the
8 security upgrades within eighteen months of receipt of the grant. The department may
9 revoke the remaining funds allocated under a grant to a hospital that fails to meet this
10 deadline.

 192.1280. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Missouri Hospital
2 Safety Grant Program Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated to it by the
3 general assembly and any gifts, contributions, grants, or bequests received from federal,
4 private, or other sources. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In
5 accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve
6 disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys
7 in this fund shall be used solely to award grants under the program.

8 2. The provisions of section 33.080 relating to the transfer of unexpended
9 balances to the general revenue fund shall not apply to the fund until June thirtieth of
10 the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the program sunsets, at
11 which time the unexpended balance in the fund shall be transferred to general revenue
12 and the fund shall be abolished.

13 3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as
14 other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
15 credited to the fund.

 192.1285. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

2 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under sections 192.1250 to
3 192.1290 shall automatically sunset six years after the effective date of sections 192.1250
4 to 192.1290 unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and

5 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under sections
6 192.1250 to 192.1290 shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of
7 the reauthorization of sections 192.1250 to 192.1290; and

8 (3) Sections 192.1250 to 192.1290 shall terminate on September first of the
9 calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized
10 under sections 192.1250 to 192.1290 is sunset.

 192.1290. The department may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of
2 sections 192.1250 to 192.1290. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
3 section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall
4 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter
5 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable
6 and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to
7 review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently

8 **held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
9 **adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.**

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