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SENATE BILL NO. 937

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHAEFER.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 56.700, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to mental health duties of certain county counselors.

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

Section A. Section 56.700, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted
2 in lieu thereof, to be known as section 56.700, to read as follows:

56.700. 1. The prosecuting attorney in each county of the second, third
2 or fourth class which contains a mental health facility able to serve at least
3 eighty persons on an overnight, inpatient basis at any one time, and which is
4 operated by the state department of mental health, division of psychiatric
5 services, may employ an assistant prosecuting attorney to assist in carrying out
6 the duties of the office of prosecuting attorney relating to mental health and
7 mental health facilities. The assistant prosecuting attorney authorized by this
8 subsection shall be in addition to any other assistant prosecuting attorney
9 authorized by law. The assistant prosecuting attorney employed under this
10 subsection shall receive an annual compensation of fifteen thousand dollars
11 payable out of the state treasury from funds appropriated for that purpose.

12 2. The county counselor or circuit attorney in each county of the first class
13 with a charter form of government containing part of a city with a population of
14 over four hundred fifty thousand and in each city not within a county may employ
15 an assistant county counselor or circuit attorney to assist in carrying out the
16 duties of the office of the county counselor or circuit attorney relating to mental
17 health and mental health facilities. The assistant authorized by this subsection
18 shall be in addition to any other assistants authorized by law. The assistant
19 county counselor or circuit attorney employed under this subsection shall receive
20 an annual compensation of fifteen thousand dollars payable out of the state

21 treasury from funds appropriated for that purpose.

22 3. The prosecuting attorney in each county of the second, third or fourth
23 class which contains a mental health facility able to serve at least eighty persons
24 on an overnight, inpatient basis at any one time, and which is operated by the
25 state department of mental health, division of psychiatric services, may employ
26 additional investigative and clerical personnel to assist in carrying out the duties
27 of the office of prosecuting attorney relating to mental health and mental health
28 facilities. The investigative and clerical personnel authorized by this subsection
29 shall be in addition to any other personnel authorized by law. The compensation
30 for such additional investigative and clerical personnel, not to exceed a total of
31 fifteen thousand dollars annually for each eligible county, shall be paid out of the
32 state treasury from funds appropriated for that purpose.

33 4. The county counselor or circuit attorney in each county of the first class
34 with a charter form of government containing part of a city with a population of
35 over four hundred fifty thousand and in each city not within a county may employ
36 additional investigative and clerical personnel to assist in carrying out the duties
37 of the office of the county counselor or circuit attorney relating to mental health
38 and mental health facilities. The investigative and clerical personnel authorized
39 by this subsection shall be in addition to any other personnel authorized by
40 law. The compensation for such additional investigative and clerical personnel,
41 not to exceed a total of fifteen thousand dollars annually for each eligible county
42 or city not within a county, shall be paid out of the state treasury from funds
43 appropriated for that purpose.

44 **5. In each county of the first classification with more than one**
45 **hundred fifty thousand but fewer than two hundred thousand**
46 **inhabitants, the county counselor shall receive fifteen thousand dollars**
47 **annually for duties relating to mental health and mental health**
48 **facilities, and an additional sum not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars**
49 **annually for investigative and clerical personnel costs to assist in**
50 **carrying out the duties of the office of county counselor relating to**
51 **mental health and mental health facilities. The sum provided in this**
52 **subsection shall be paid out of the state treasury from funds**
53 **appropriated for such purposes, and shall be in the form of a**
54 **reimbursement to the county general revenue fund.**

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