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SENATE BILLS NOS. 858 & 868

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Pensions, Veterans' Affairs and General Laws, February 2, 2006, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the healthcare technology fund, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 191.990, to read as follows:

191.990. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the
2 "Healthcare Technology Fund" which shall consist of all gifts, donations,
3 transfers, moneys appropriated by the general assembly, and bequests
4 to the fund. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and shall
5 approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections
6 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo. The fund shall be administered by the
7 department of social services. The fund shall be created no later than
8 July 1, 2006, provided however, that if the effective date of this act is
9 after July 1, 2006, then the fund shall be created no later than such
10 effective date.

11 2. Upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used to
12 promote technological advances to improve patient care, decrease
13 administrative burdens, and increase patient and healthcare provider
14 satisfaction. Such programs or improvements on technology shall
15 include encouragement and implementation of technologies intended
16 to improve the safety, quality, and costs of healthcare services in the
17 state including, but not limited to, the following:

- 18 (1) Electronic medical records;
19 (2) Community health records;
20 (3) Personal health records;

21 **(4) E-prescribing;**

22 **(5) Telemedicine; and**

23 **(6) Telemonitoring;**

24 **3. Any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium**
25 **shall revert to the credit of the general revenue fund, except for**
26 **moneys that were gifts, donations, transfers, or bequests.**

27 **4. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the**
28 **same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys**
29 **earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.**

Section B. Because of the need to address the pending funding crisis of
2 the state's public assistance healthcare delivery system, section A of this act is
3 deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare,
4 peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the
5 meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and
6 effect upon its passage and approval.

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