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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KOSTER.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, 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 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 208.1000, to read as follows:

**208.1000. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury "The
2 Healthcare Technology Fund", which shall consist of moneys
3 appropriated by the general assembly. The state treasurer shall be
4 custodian of the fund and shall approve disbursements from the fund
5 in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo. The fund shall be
6 administered by the department of social services. The fund shall be
7 created no later than July 1, 2006, provided however, that if the
8 effective date of this act is after July 1, 2006, then the fund shall be
9 created no later than such effective date. Proceeds of the fund shall be
10 distributed at the department of social services' discretion within
11 twenty-four months of the state's new public assistance healthcare
12 delivery system or by twenty-four months following the termination of
13 the current public assistance healthcare delivery system, whichever is
14 sooner.**

**15 2. Upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely
16 to implement and promote innovative technological advances to
17 improve the delivery of care, reduce administrative burdens, and
18 institute efficiencies to improve the health status of all
19 Missourians. Such technological programs or improvements shall
20 include the following:**

21 (1) Improved state computer and computer-related hardware and

22 software designed to ensure an efficient and responsive Medicaid
23 system; and

24 (2) Health management system technologies designed to
25 streamline and reduce the cost of health care services for all
26 Missourians;

27 Such technological programs or improvements may include any other
28 appropriate technologies intended to reduce and streamline the costs
29 of health care services in the state, including but not limited to,
30 electronically transferable medical records, E-prescribing,
31 telemedicine, and telemonitoring.

32 3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the
33 same manner as other funds are invested.

Section B. Because of the need to address the pending funding crisis for
2 the state's public assistance health care 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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