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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 660, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to faith-based organizations.

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

Section A. Chapter 660, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 660.750, to read as follows:

**660.750. 1. This act shall be known as the "Faith-Based
2 Organization Liaison Act".**

**3 2. The director of the department of social services shall
4 designate regional department employees to serve as liaisons to faith-
5 based organizations in their regions.**

**6 3. The director shall ensure that the primary function of each
7 employee designated as a liaison under this section is to:**

**8 (1) Communicate with faith-based organizations regarding the
9 need for private community services to benefit persons in need of
10 assistance who otherwise would require financial or other assistance
11 under public programs administered by the department;**

**12 (2) Promote the involvement of faith-based organizations in
13 working to meet community needs for assistance;**

**14 (3) Coordinate the department's efforts to promote involvement
15 of faith-based organizations in providing community services with
16 similar efforts of other state agencies; and**

**17 (4) Provide clear guidance to faith-based organizations of all the
18 rights and responsibilities afforded to them under federal law, including
19 but not limited to federal equal treatment and charitable choice
20 regulations.**

21 4. No liaison shall discriminate against any faith-based
22 organization in carrying out the provisions of this section.

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