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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 46
94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Seniors, Families and Public Health, February 8, 2007, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 46, adopted February 22, 2007.

Taken up for Perfection February 22, 2007. Bill declared Perfected and Ordered Printed.

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 existing regional department employees to serve as liaisons
5 to faith-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,**

19 including but not limited to federal equal treatment, charitable choice
20 regulations, and the establishment clause of the United States
21 Constitution.

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

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