

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Amend SS/House Bill No. 2400, Page 5, Section 285.730, Line 143,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "620.515. 1. This section shall be known and may be
4 cited as the "Show-Me Heroes" program, the purpose of which
5 is to:

6 (1) Assist the spouse of an active duty National Guard
7 or reserve component service member reservist and active
8 duty United States military personnel to address immediate
9 needs and employment in an attempt to keep the family from
10 falling into poverty while the primary income earner is on
11 active duty, and during the five-year period following
12 discharge from deployment; and

13 (2) Assist returning National Guard troops or reserve
14 component service member reservists and recently separated
15 United States military personnel with finding work in
16 situations where an individual needs to rebuild business
17 clientele or where an individual's job has been eliminated
18 while such individual was deployed, or where the individual
19 otherwise cannot return to his or her previous employment.

20 2. Subject to appropriation, the department of
21 [economic development] higher education and workforce
22 development shall operate the Show-Me heroes program through
23 existing programs. Eligibility for the program shall be
24 based on the following criteria:

25 (1) Eligible participants in the program shall be
26 those families where:

27 (a) The primary income earner was called to active
28 duty in defense of the United States for a period of more
29 than four months;

30 (b) The family's primary income is no longer available;

31 (c) The family is experiencing significant hardship
32 due to financial burdens; and

33 (d) The family has no outside resources available to
34 assist with such hardships;

35 (2) Services that may be provided to the family will
36 be aimed at ameliorating the immediate crisis and providing
37 a path for economic stability while the primary income is
38 not available due to the active military commitment.
39 Services shall be made available up to five years following
40 discharge from deployment. Services may include, but not be
41 limited to the following:

42 (a) Financial assistance to families facing financial
43 crisis from overdue bills;

44 (b) Help paying day care costs to pursue training and
45 or employment;

46 (c) Help covering the costs of transportation to
47 training and or employment;

48 (d) Vocational evaluation and vocational counseling to
49 help the individual choose a visible employment goal;

50 (e) Vocational training to acquire or upgrade skills
51 needed to be marketable in the workforce;

52 (f) Paid internships and subsidized employment to
53 train on the job; and

54 (g) Job placement assistance for those who don't
55 require skills training.

56 3. (1) In addition to the benefits provided to those
57 meeting the criteria established by subsection 2 of this
58 section, the department of higher education and workforce
59 development may award grants from the Show-Me heroes program

60 or programs administering the Show-Me heroes program to one
61 or more nonprofit organizations that facilitate the
62 participation in apprenticeship training programs of
63 veterans and active duty United States military personnel
64 who are transitioning into civilian employment.

65 (2) A grant awarded pursuant to this subsection shall
66 be used only to recruit or assist veterans or active duty
67 United States military personnel who are transitioning into
68 civilian employment to participate in an apprenticeship
69 training program in this state.

70 (3) As used in this subsection, the term
71 "apprenticeship training program" means a training program
72 that provides on-the-job training, preparatory instruction,
73 supplementary instruction, or related instruction in a trade
74 that has been certified as an apprenticeable occupation by
75 the Office of Apprenticeship of the United States Department
76 of Labor.

77 4. The department shall promulgate rules to implement
78 the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a
79 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
80 created under the authority delegated in this section shall
81 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
82 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
83 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
84 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the
85 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
86 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
87 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
88 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
89 August 28, 2012, shall be invalid and void."; and

90 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.