

SENATE BILL NO. 674

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HOUGH.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to grants to employers for the purpose of enhancing cybersecurity.

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

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 620.2550, to read as
3 follows:

620.2550. 1. The department of economic development
2 shall distribute to any employer a one-time grant for the
3 purpose of enhancing cybersecurity, subject to the
4 requirements of this section.

5 2. Grants distributed under this section shall not
6 exceed ninety percent of the total cost of the cybersecurity
7 enhancement.

8 3. In making grants to employers under this section,
9 the department of economic development shall distribute an
10 equal number of awards to the following groups of employers:

11 (1) Employers with at least one but not more than
12 fifty employees;

13 (2) Employers with at least fifty-one but not more
14 than two hundred employees; and

15 (3) Employers with more than two hundred employees.

16 4. Subject to appropriation, no more than ten million
17 dollars shall be distributed under this section in any
18 fiscal year.

19 5. (1) The department of economic development shall
20 create an on-line application form as part of its website
21 which shall be the sole means of applying for grants under
22 this section. Any employer seeking a grant under this
23 section shall submit an application to the department using
24 such form on the department's website. The employer shall
25 submit documents showing how it plans to enhance
26 cybersecurity, including plans for how the employer will
27 cover the remaining ten percent of the cost for its
28 cybersecurity enhancement.

29 (2) In assessing an employer's plans for covering the
30 remaining ten percent of the cost, the department shall only
31 consider costs for the following:

- 32 (a) Hardware;
- 33 (b) Software, whether leased or purchased;
- 34 (c) Contracts for an external cybersecurity provider;
- 35 (d) Installation costs for cybersecurity;
- 36 (e) Costs related to increased square footage in the
37 employer's place of business;
- 38 (f) Employee training costs;
- 39 (g) New employee salaries; and
- 40 (h) Existing employee salaries due to new
41 cybersecurity duties.

42 6. For purposes of this section, the terms "enhancing
43 cybersecurity" and "cybersecurity enhancement" mean:

- 44 (1) Cybersecurity improvement investments;
- 45 (2) Cybersecurity risk assessment costs;
- 46 (3) Costs associated with cyber-attack prevention
47 employee training programs; and
- 48 (4) Costs associated with upskilling employees with
49 cybersecurity-related certifications or credentials.

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