



Michael L. Parson

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI

June 30, 2023

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
102nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

Herewith I return to you Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 10 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the several divisions and programs thereof, and the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri, and to transfer money among certain funds for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

Section 10.110

I hereby veto \$215,000 general revenue for a 5.5% increase in funding for the Access to Recovery program. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, this budget has already budgeted for multiple items totaling over \$472 million in support of behavioral health services statewide.

I hereby veto \$1,500,000 general revenue to expand existing respite housing programs. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion,

over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, this was based on the findings of an informal House group on Crime Prevention. While I appreciate the work of the group's members to find solutions to these problems, a larger and more formal study is needed to determine the best avenues for reducing crime through mental health services. Additionally, this budget has already budgeted for multiple items totaling over \$472 million in support of behavioral health services statewide.

For Recovery Support Services with the Access to Recovery Program.
From \$6,117,527 to \$4,402,527 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$3,700,000 general revenue for an early intervention program for youth at risk of mental health crises. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, this was based on the findings of an informal House group on Crime Prevention. While I appreciate the work of the group's members to find solutions to these problems, a larger and more formal study is needed to determine the best avenues for reducing crime through mental health services. Additionally, this budget has already budgeted for multiple items totaling over \$472 million in support of behavioral health services statewide.

For treatment of youth psychiatric services.
From \$13,114,795 to \$9,414,795 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 general revenue for the Engaging Patients in Coordinated Care (EPICC) program. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, there are existing peer support services and opioid treatment investments to help address the goals of this program. Additionally, this program provides one-time state funding to support ongoing program costs, which could possibly jeopardize the program's future sustainability.

For a behavioral health network that links individuals 14 and over with severe opioid use disorder to community based treatment with the help of Peer Recovery Coaches.
From \$2,000,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

I hereby veto \$1,800,000 general revenue for an Electroencephalogram (EEG) combined Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (eTMS) Pilot Program. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Additionally, while I am supportive of efforts to help address the mental health needs of veterans and first responders, this is a relatively new treatment option. A smaller pilot project allows for a closer look at the effectiveness of the treatment without being fiscally irresponsible. Additional FDA approval for the equipment is still pending. This item can be revisited once the program is able to demonstrate effectiveness.

For the Division of Behavioral Health to implement the use of EEG-Guided Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (e-TMS) equipment.
From \$3,300,000 to \$1,500,000 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$408,854,734 to \$399,639,734 in total for the section.

Section 10.115

I hereby veto \$6,866,000, including \$2,200,000 general revenue, for operating costs of additional behavioral health crisis centers. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, there is existing funding in House Bill 20 to construct these centers. Operational funding will not be needed in Fiscal Year 2024, as construction will not yet be completed.

I hereby veto \$1,050,000, including \$283,500 general revenue, for public administrator liaison positions. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, statutory changes should be pursued to reduce the

workload on Public Administrators in lieu of earmarked state funding for positions that will have minimal impact.

For adult psychiatric services and community programs.

From \$127,788,119 to \$125,304,619 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$295,891,469 to \$290,458,969 from Department of Mental Health Federal Fund.

From \$636,971,653 to \$629,055,653 in total for the section.

Section 10.410

I hereby veto \$5,000,000 Budget Stabilization Fund for an autism research initiative The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly.

For a single grant to be issued jointly to a Missouri not-for-profit and a Missouri public institution of higher education to be used to advance research and development of therapeutics and potential cures for cases of genetically caused autism.

From \$10,000,000 to \$5,000,000 from Budget Stabilization Fund.

From \$2,382,945,770 to \$2,377,945,770 in total for the section.

Section 10.721

I hereby veto \$500,000 general revenue for the purchase of rapid response testing kits for STI testing or other health outbreaks. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, the Department of Health and Senior Services currently purchases, ships, and provides test results for STIs. Additionally, the state has invested \$78 million in the One Health Laboratory. Current resources and future resources can handle additional STI testing. This earmark is duplicative of other tests already paid for by Missouri taxpayers.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$500,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$500,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

Section 10.745

I hereby veto \$500,000 general revenue for the Elks Mobile Dental Clinic. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly.

From \$700,000 to \$200,000 from General Revenue fund.
From \$700,000 to \$200,000 in total for the section.

Section 10.830

I hereby veto \$2,200,000 general revenue for the long-term care ombudsman program. The Fiscal Year 2024 budget that was passed by the Missouri General Assembly totals \$53.5 billion, over \$1.7 billion more than my recommended budget. Additionally, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation which is estimated to result in a loss of ongoing general revenues exceeding \$300 million and increasing ongoing general revenue expenditures by over \$200 million. In addition, Missouri has consistently maintained a AAA bond rating and we will ensure a balanced budget for years to come. In light of all of these factors, I have vetoed this provision in an effort to help ensure the financial stability of Missouri beyond my Administration and the current General Assembly. Further, while this program's focus on ensuring the health and well-being of seniors is commendable, there is funding elsewhere in the budget to meet the needs of this program, particularly clarified language on the spending authority of the \$32.6 million Senior Services Growth and Development Program Fund and appropriate General Revenue transfer to support Area Agencies on Aging.

For the Ombudsman Program operated by the Area Agencies on Aging or their service providers.

From \$2,350,000 to \$150,000 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$117,906,281 to \$115,706,281 in total for the section.

Section 10.831

I hereby veto \$50,000 Senior Services Growth and Development Program Fund for the Texas County Food Pantry. While this funding would support an important service, especially for seniors in rural areas, the Department of Health and Senior Services is subject to state laws set forth in Section 192.385, RSMo. This section requires all Senior Services Growth and Development Program Funds to follow a formula to support ten specific Area Agencies on Aging across Missouri which excludes the Texas County Food Pantry.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$50,000 to \$0 from Senior Services Growth and Development Program Fund.
From \$50,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

On June 30, 2023 I approved said Conference Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 10, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Parson". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "M" and "P".

Michael L. Parson
Governor