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

Herewith I return to you Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 20 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds, distributions, purchase of equipment, planning expenses, capital improvement projects, including but not limited to major additions and renovation of facility components, and equipment or systems for the several departments and offices of state government and the several divisions and programs thereof, and to transfer money among certain funds, to be expended only as provided in Article IV, Section 28 of the Constitution of Missouri for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

Section 20.101

I hereby veto \$410,500 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery - Health and Economic Impacts Fund for the replacement of a bathroom and purchase of a bucket truck in the City of Hazelwood. This is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$410,500 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Health and Economic Impacts Fund.  
From \$410,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

#### Section 20.150

I hereby veto \$1 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Health and Economic Impacts Fund for grants to emergency medical providers, fire protection entities, or public safety officers. I also hereby veto the words “provided that the maximum award shall be \$20,000 per recipient and further” that are included within the second subsection of this section. In Fiscal Year 2023, just under \$8.5M was obligated to 553 first responders for these grants due to low interest from potential grantees due to the maximum award amount. This veto will ensure that a greater number of projects are eligible to receive funding, and that a greater number of first responders are served.

From \$20,000,000 to \$19,999,999 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Health and Economic Impacts Fund.

From \$30,000,000 to \$29,999,999 in total for the section.

#### Section 20.220

I hereby veto \$500,000 general revenue for exterior handicap improvements in the Affton Public School District. 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 is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project.

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 20.221

I hereby veto \$250,000 general revenue for exterior handicap improvements in the Hancock Place School District. 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 is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$250,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$250,000 to \$0 in total for the section.



## Section 20.222

I hereby veto \$750,000 general revenue for the construction and/or renovation of an early childhood enrichment center. 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 I am supportive of investments to increase access to quality and affordable childcare for Missourians, these investments are not the full responsibility of the state. More must be done to support increased partnerships between communities, employers, and childcare providers.

From \$1,500,000 to \$750,000 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$1,500,000 to \$750,000 in total for the section.

## Section 20.316

I hereby veto \$5,000,000 Budget Stabilization Fund for an equine building at the Missouri State Fair. 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, nearly \$55 million has been appropriated for a new State Fair Arena. This building would coincide with the new State Fair Arena, which is not anticipated to be completed in Fiscal Year 2024.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$5,000,000 to \$0 from Budget Stabilization Fund.

From \$5,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

## Section 20.376

I hereby veto \$1,000,000 general revenue for an entertainment district working towards stimulating the growth, community spirit and entertainment of the district while promoting the historic character in Kansas City. 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 is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project.



Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$1,000,000 to \$0 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$1,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

#### Section 20.377

I hereby veto \$500,000 general revenue for an educational dinosaur museum in the City of Branson. 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 is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project.

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 20.573

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 general revenue for the planning, design, maintenance, and construction of a regional training facility for law enforcement in Boone County. 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 \$6,000,000 to \$4,000,000 from General Revenue Fund.  
From \$6,000,000 to \$4,000,000 in total for the section.

#### Section 20.575

I hereby veto \$500,000 Budget Stabilization Fund for purchase of a crash truck for an airport in Jefferson City. 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 appropriation is being reduced to allow for a local match contribution.

From \$1,000,000 to \$500,000 from Budget Stabilization Fund.  
From \$1,000,000 to \$500,000 in total for the section.

#### Section 20.644

I hereby veto \$400,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Health and Economic Impacts Fund for construction of sidewalks on Meramec Station Road in St. Louis County. This is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$400,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Health and Economic Impacts Fund.  
From \$400,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

#### Section 20.847

I hereby veto \$3,260,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for the Missouri Foundation Seed program. The Fiscal Year 2023 budget includes \$3.24 million for this project, which has not yet been fully expended.

From \$6,500,000 to \$3,240,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.  
From \$6,500,000 to \$3,240,000 in total for the section.

#### Section 20.865

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for the purchase of equipment for the Kansas City Police Foundation. The Fiscal Year 2023 budget includes \$3 million for this project, which has not yet been fully expended.

From \$6,000,000 to \$4,000,000 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.  
From \$6,000,000 to \$4,000,000 in total for the section.

#### Section 20.897

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund for a nonprofit community development corporation in Kansas City. This is a local responsibility with minimal statewide impact. Other funding mechanisms should be pursued in lieu of earmarked state funding for this project.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$2,000,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Revenue Replacement Fund.  
From \$2,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.



Section 20.898

I hereby veto \$2,000,000 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Health and Economic Impacts Fund to demolish abandoned properties in the City of Kinloch. Investments in similar demolition projects in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget have yet to move forward, other funding sources should be pursued outside of this earmarked appropriation.

Said section is vetoed in its entirety from \$2,000,000 to \$0 from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery – Health and Economic Impacts Fund.  
From \$2,000,000 to \$0 in total for the section.

On June 30, 2023 I approved said Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 20, except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Parson", is written over a faint, larger blue ink signature that is partially visible in the background.

Michael L. Parson  
Governor