



Michael L. Parson

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI

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

Herewith I return to you Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2012 entitled:

AN ACT

To appropriate money for expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Chief Executive's Office and Mansion, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys and Circuit Attorneys Retirement Systems, and the Judiciary and the Office of the State Public Defender, and the several divisions and programs thereof, and for the payment of salaries and mileage of members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives and contingent expenses of the General Assembly, including salaries and expenses of elective and appointive officers and necessary capital improvements expenditures; for salaries and expenses of members and employees and other necessary operating expenses of the Committee on Legislative Research, various joint committees, for the expenses of the interim committees established by the General Assembly, 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 period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Section 12.230

I hereby veto \$8,000,000 general revenue for transfer to the Charter School Revolving Capital Improvement Fund. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more

general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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. The remaining \$2,000,000 will provide sufficient resources to establish this new program and allows the State to collect performance data in order to evaluate the need and effectiveness of the program.

From \$10,000,000 to \$2,000,000 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$10,000,000 to \$2,000,000 in total for the section.

Section 12.235

I hereby veto \$8,000,000 Charter School Revolving Capital Improvement Fund for a loan program for new and existing charter schools to support capital improvement projects and acquisitions. The remaining \$2,000,000 will provide sufficient resources to establish this new program and allows the State to collect performance data in order to evaluate the need and effectiveness of the program.

From \$10,000,000 to \$2,000,000 from Charter School Revolving Capital Improvement Fund.

From \$10,000,000 to \$2,000,000 in total for the section.

Section 12.345

I hereby veto \$75,631 general revenue for an additional court reporter for the 45th circuit (serving the counties of Pike and Lincoln), \$3,115 general revenue for expenses for an additional circuit court judge for the 45th circuit (serving the counties of Pike and Lincoln), \$3,115 general revenue for expenses for an additional treatment court commissioner for the 25th circuit (serving Phelps County), and \$3,150,000 Budget Stabilization Fund for the maintenance and repair of the Carnahan Courthouse in the city of St. Louis. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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. In addition, the need for the vetoed additional positions has

not been indicated by relevant weighted caseloads for the courts in question. Further, the General Assembly grossly overappropriated Budget Stabilization Funds.

Personal Service by \$72,516 from \$116,514,876 to \$116,442,360 from General Revenue Fund. Expense and Equipment by \$9,345 from \$5,052,519 to \$5,043,174 from General Revenue Fund. From \$123,499,034 to \$123,417,173 in total from General Revenue Fund.

Expense and Equipment by \$3,150,000 from \$3,650,000 to \$500,000 from Budget Stabilization Fund.

From \$3,650,000 to \$500,000 in total from Budget Stabilization Fund.

From \$159,438,567 to \$156,206,706 in total for the section.

Section 12.350

I hereby veto \$177,609 general revenue for an additional circuit court judge for the 45th circuit (serving the counties of Pike and Lincoln), and \$163,400 general revenue for an additional treatment court commissioner for the 25th circuit (serving Phelps County). The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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. In addition, the need for the vetoed additional positions has not been indicated by relevant weighted caseloads for the courts in question.

Personal Service by \$341,009 from \$61,166,920 to \$60,825,911 from General Revenue Fund. From \$64,125,073 to \$63,784,064 in total from General Revenue Fund.

From \$64,125,073 to \$63,784,064 in total for the section.

Section 12.365

I hereby veto \$93,000 general revenue for an additional attorney and expenses for the Commission on Retirement, Removal, and Discipline of Judges. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025

recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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, this was not requested by the Office of State Courts Administrator. Further, an investigator was recently added in Fiscal Year 2023.

Personal Service by \$58,000 from \$411,091 to \$353,091 from General Revenue Fund.
Expense and Equipment by \$35,000 from \$78,520 to \$43,520 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$489,611 to \$396,611 in total from General Revenue Fund.

From \$489,611 to \$396,611 in total for the section.

Section 12.505

I hereby veto \$300,000 general revenue for House contingent expenses. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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 House Contingent Expenses.
From \$18,044,319 to \$17,744,319 from General Revenue Fund.
From \$28,478,466 to \$28,178,466 in total from General Revenue Fund.

From \$28,523,466 to \$28,223,466 in total for the section.

Section 12.510

I hereby veto \$236,033 general revenue for payment of organizational dues for the House of Representatives. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and

Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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 \$530,664 to \$294,631 General Revenue Fund.

From \$530,664 to \$294,631 in total for the section.

Section 12.515

I hereby veto \$102,000 general revenue for an additional attorney for the Joint Committee on Legislative Research. The passage of SB 727 (2024) will cost the State an estimated \$400 million more annually for K-12 education once fully implemented. Fully funding the K-12 foundation formula alone in Fiscal Year 2026 is currently estimated to cost an additional \$300 million over the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation level. Beyond this addition of nearly one billion dollars in annual obligated funding through 2031, the General Assembly spent nearly \$300 million more general revenue than my Fiscal Year 2025 recommended budget in their Truly Agreed and Finally Passed budget. My Administration has consistently prioritized the State's fiscal stability – not only for today, but for years to come. While the State may have a fund balance this fiscal year, we must maintain a balanced budget that keeps future obligations in mind, ensuring the State can maintain a AAA bond rating and continue to meet its statutory and constitutional obligations in the years to come. In light of all 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 the Legislative Research Administration.

From \$697,148 to \$595,148 from General Revenue Fund.

From \$2,330,027 to \$2,228,027 in total from General Revenue Fund.

From \$2,330,027 to \$2,228,027 in total for the section.

Section 12.530

I hereby veto \$497,250,000 Missouri State Capitol Commission Capitol Preservation Fund for transfer to the State Capitol Commission Fund. Without a detailed plan for the next phase of renovations of the Capitol Building, the full transfer is not needed at this time.

From \$597,250,000 to \$100,000,000 from Missouri State Capitol Commission Capitol Preservation Fund.

From \$597,250,000 to \$100,000,000 in total for the section.

Section 12.535

I hereby veto \$8,000,000 State Capitol Commission Fund for the planning, design, construction, acquisition, maintenance, and repairs of the State Capitol Complex. This leaves adequate funding for the planning and design of the next phase of renovations to the Capitol Building.

From \$10,000,000 to \$2,000,000 from State Capitol Commission Fund.

From \$10,000,000 to \$2,000,000 in total for the section.

On June 28, 2024 I approved Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2012, 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 in a cursive style.

Michael L. Parson
Governor