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HOUSE BILL NO. 469

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROWLAND.

0876H.031 D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the Missouri commission for the deaf and hard of hearing.

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

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 161.412, to read as follows:

161.412. 1. The Missouri commission for the deaf and hard of hearing shall
2 **provide grants to:**
3 **(1) Organizations that provide services for deaf-blind children and their families.**
4 **Such services may include providing family support advocates to assist deaf-blind children**
5 **in participating in their communities and family education specialists to teach parents and**
6 **siblings skills to support the deaf-blind children in their family;**
7 **(2) Organizations that provide services for deaf-blind adults. Such grants shall be**
8 **used to provide assistance to deaf-blind adults who are working towards establishing and**
9 **maintaining independence; and**
10 **(3) Organizations that train support service providers. Such grants shall be used**
11 **to provide training that will lead to certification of support service providers in Missouri.**
12 **2. The commission shall use a request-for-proposal process to award the grants in**
13 **this section. Organizations that receive grants under this section may expend the grant for**
14 **any purpose authorized in this section.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.