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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1656

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NANCE (Sponsor) AND COOPER (155) (Co-sponsor).

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 208.819, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to transition grants for persons in nursing homes.

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

Section A. Section 208.819, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.819, to read as follows:

208.819. 1. **Subject to appropriations**, persons institutionalized in nursing homes who are [Medicaid] **MO HealthNet** eligible and who wish to move back into the community shall be eligible for a one-time [Missouri] transition [to independence] grant. The [Missouri] transition [to independence] grant shall be limited to up to [fifteen] **twenty-four** hundred dollars to offset the initial down payments [and] , setup costs, **and other expenditures** associated with housing a **senior or** person with disabilities **needing home and community-based services** as such person moves out of a nursing home. Such grants shall be established and administered by the division of [vocational rehabilitation] **senior and disability services** in consultation with the department of social services. The division of [vocational rehabilitation] **senior and disability services** and the department of social services shall cooperate in actively seeking federal and private grant moneys to **further** fund this program; except that, such federal and private grant moneys shall not limit the general assembly's ability to appropriate moneys for the [Missouri] transition [to independence] grants.

2. The [division of medical services within the department of social services, the] department of health and senior services and the [division of vocational rehabilitation within the

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.

16 department of elementary and secondary education] **department of mental health** shall work  
17 together to develop information and training on community-based service options for residents  
18 transitioning into the community[. Representatives of disability-related community  
19 organizations shall complete such training before initiating contact with institutionalized  
20 individuals] **and shall promulgate rules as needed.**

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