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SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1

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Amend SS/HCS/House Bill No. 1877, Page 6, Section 210.118, Line 17,

of said page, by inserting after all of said line the following:

"210.146. 1. Upon receipt of a report of child abuse or neglect concerning a child three years of age or younger and the children's division's determination that such report merits an investigation, such investigation shall include an evaluation of the child by a SAFE CARE provider, as defined in section 334.950, or a review of the child's case file and photographs of the child's injuries by a SAFE CARE provider.

2. When a SAFE CARE provider makes a diagnosis that a child three years of age or younger has been subjected to physical abuse, including but not limited to symptoms indicative of abusive bruising, fractures, burns, abdominal injuries, or head trauma, and reports such diagnosis to the children's division, the division shall immediately submit a referral to the juvenile officer. The referral shall include the division's recommendations to the juvenile officer regarding the care, safety, and placement of the child and the reasons for those recommendations.

210.180. Each employee of the division who is responsible for the investigation or family assessment of reports of

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1 suspected child abuse or neglect shall receive not less than
2 forty hours of preservice training on the identification and
3 treatment of child abuse and neglect. In addition to such
4 preservice training such employee shall also receive not less
5 than twenty hours of in-service training each year on the subject
6 of the identification and treatment of child abuse and neglect.
7 Such annual training shall include at least four hours of medical
8 forensics relating to child abuse and neglect as approved by the
9 SAFE CARE network described in section 334.950."; and

10 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Offered by Sen Brown of 16th

Amend SS/HCS/House Bill No. 1877, Page 6, Section 210.118, Line 17

of said page, by inserting after all of said line the following:

"210.154. 1. There is hereby created within the department of social services the "Missouri Task Force on the Prevention of Infant Abuse and Neglect" to study and make recommendations to the governor and general assembly concerning the prevention of infant abuse and neglect in Missouri. The task force shall consist of the following nine members:

(1) Two members of the senate from different political parties, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate;

(2) Two members of the house of representatives from different political parties, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(3) The director of the department of social services, or his or her designee;

(4) The director of the department of health and senior services, or his or her designee;

(5) A SAFE CARE provider as described in section 334.950;

(6) A representative of a child advocacy organization specializing in prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

(7) A representative of a licensed Missouri hospital or

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1 licensed Missouri birthing center.

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3 Members of the task force, other than the legislative members and
4 the directors of state departments, shall be appointed by the
5 governor with the advice and consent of the senate by September
6 15, 2016.

7 2. A majority vote of a quorum of the task force is
8 required for any action.

9 3. The task force shall elect a chair and vice-chair at its
10 first meeting, which shall be convened by the director of the
11 department of social services, or his or her designee, no later
12 than October 1, 2016. Meetings may be held by telephone or video
13 conference at the discretion of the chair.

14 4. Members shall serve on the task force without
15 compensation but may, subject to appropriations, be reimbursed
16 for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
17 their official duties as members of the task force.

18 5. On or before December 31, 2016, the task force shall
19 submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the
20 governor and general assembly.

21 6. The task shall develop recommendations to reduce infant
22 abuse and neglect, including but not limited to:

23 (1) Sharing information between the children's division and
24 hospitals and birthing centers for the purpose of identifying
25 newborn infants who may be at risk of abuse and neglect; and

26 (2) Training division employees and medical providers to
27 recognize the signs of infant child abuse and neglect.

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29 The recommendations may include proposals for specific statutory

1 and regulatory changes and methods to foster cooperation between
2 state and local governmental bodies, medical providers, and child
3 welfare agencies.

4 7. The task force shall expire on January 1, 2017, or upon
5 submission of a report as provided for under subsection 5 of this
6 section."; and

7 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.