

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2061

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLOUGHBY, HARDING,  
PHILLIPS AND REINHART (Co-sponsors).

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 210.001, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to regional child assessment centers.

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

Section A. Section 210.001, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 210.001, to read as follows:

210.001. 1. The department of social services shall address the needs of homeless, dependent and neglected children in the supervision and custody of the division of family services and to their families-in-conflict by:

(1) Serving children and families as a unit in the least restrictive setting available and in close proximity to the family home, consistent with the best interests and special needs of the child;

(2) Insuring that appropriate social services are provided to the family unit both prior to the removal of the child from the home and after family reunification;

(3) Developing and implementing preventive and early intervention social services which have demonstrated the ability to delay or reduce the need for out-of-home placements and ameliorate problems before they become chronic.

2. The department of social services shall fund only regional child assessment centers known as:

(1) The St. Louis City child assessment center;

(2) The St. Louis County child assessment center;

(3) The Jackson County child assessment center;

**EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

- 17 (4) The Buchanan County child assessment center;
- 18 (5) The Greene County and Lakes Area child assessment center;
- 19 (6) The Boone County child assessment center;
- 20 (7) The Joplin child assessment center;
- 21 (8) The St. Charles County child assessment center;
- 22 (9) The Jefferson County child assessment center;
- 23 (10) The Pettis County child assessment center; [and]
- 24 (11) The southeast Missouri child assessment center; **and**
- 25 **(12) The Clay-Platte child assessment center.**