## SECOND REGULAR SESSION

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 2196**

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES BOUCHER, LOWE, RIZZO, JOLLY, MONACO, BLAND AND CURLS (Co-sponsors).

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## **AN ACT**

Relating to the establishment of a recruitment campaign for adoptive and foster care families.

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

Section 1. Subject to appropriations, the department of social services shall:

- (1) Establish and implement an ongoing advertising campaign for the recruitment of adoptive and foster care families, with a special emphasis on the recruitment of qualified adoptive and foster care families for special needs children. The department may contract with professional advertising agencies or other professional entities to conduct such advertising campaign on behalf of the department; and
- (2) Establish a twenty-four hour toll-free telephone number to answer questions and assist persons inquiring about becoming adoptive or foster parents.