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AN ACT

To repeal sections 210.101, 210.102, and 210.103, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the Missouri children's services commission.

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

Section A. Sections 210.101, 210.102, and 210.103, RSMo, are repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 210.102, to read as follows:

210.102. 1. ~~[It shall be the duty of the Missouri children's services commission to:~~

~~———— (1) Make recommendations which will encourage greater interagency coordination, cooperation, more effective utilization of existing resources and less duplication of effort in activities of state agencies which affect the legal rights and well-being of children in Missouri;~~

~~———— (2) Develop an integrated state plan for the care provided to children in this state through state programs;~~

~~———— (3) Develop a plan to improve the quality of children's programs statewide. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to:~~

~~———— (a) Methods for promoting geographic availability and financial accessibility for all children and families in need of such services;~~

~~———— (b) Program recommendations for children's services which include child development, education, supervision, health and social services;~~

~~———— (4) Design and implement evaluation of the activities of the commission in fulfilling the duties as set out in this section;~~

~~———— (5) Report annually to the governor with five copies each to the house of representatives and senate about its activities including, but not limited to the following:~~

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.

17 ~~—— (a) A general description of the activities pertaining to children of each state agency~~
18 ~~having a member on the commission;~~

19 ~~—— (b) A general description of the plans and goals, as they affect children, of each state~~
20 ~~agency having a member on the commission;~~

21 ~~—— (c) Recommendations for statutory and appropriation initiatives to implement the~~
22 ~~integrated state plan;~~

23 ~~—— (d) A report from the commission regarding the state of children in Missouri.~~

24 ~~—— 2.] There is hereby established within the [children's services commission] **department**~~
25 ~~**of social services** the "Coordinating Board for Early Childhood", which shall constitute a body~~
26 ~~corporate and politic, and shall include but not be limited to the following members:~~

27 (1) A representative from the governor's office;

28 (2) A representative from each of the following departments: health and senior services,
29 mental health, social services, and elementary and secondary education;

30 (3) A representative of the judiciary;

31 (4) A representative of the family and community trust board (FACT);

32 (5) A representative from the head start program;

33 (6) Nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate
34 who are representatives of the groups, such as business, philanthropy, civic groups, faith-based
35 organizations, parent groups, advocacy organizations, early childhood service providers, and
36 other stakeholders.

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38 The coordinating board may make all rules it deems necessary to enable it to conduct its
39 meetings, elect its officers, and set the terms and duties of its officers. The coordinating board
40 shall elect from amongst its members a chairperson, vice chairperson, a secretary-reporter, and
41 such other officers as it deems necessary. Members of the board shall serve without
42 compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses necessary to the performance of their
43 official duties for the board.

44 [3-] **2.** The coordinating board for early childhood shall have the power to:

45 (1) Develop a comprehensive statewide long-range strategic plan for a cohesive early
46 childhood system;

47 (2) Confer with public and private entities for the purpose of promoting and improving
48 the development of children from birth through age five of this state;

49 (3) Identify legislative recommendations to improve services for children from birth
50 through age five;

51 (4) Promote coordination of existing services and programs across public and private
52 entities;

- 53 (5) Promote research-based approaches to services and ongoing program evaluation;
- 54 (6) Identify service gaps and advise public and private entities on methods to close such
55 gaps;
- 56 (7) Apply for and accept gifts, grants, appropriations, loans, or contributions to the
57 coordinating board for early childhood fund from any source, public or private, and enter into
58 contracts or other transactions with any federal or state agency, any private organizations, or any
59 other source in furtherance of the purpose of [~~subsections 2 and 3~~] **subsection 1** of this section
60 **and this subsection**, and take any and all actions necessary to avail itself of such aid and
61 cooperation;
- 62 (8) Direct disbursements from the coordinating board for early childhood fund as
63 provided in this section;
- 64 (9) Administer the coordinating board for early childhood fund and invest any portion
65 of the moneys not required for immediate disbursement in obligations of the United States or any
66 agency or instrumentality of the United States, in obligations of the state of Missouri and its
67 political subdivisions, in certificates of deposit and time deposits, or other obligations of banks
68 and savings and loan associations, or in such other obligations as may be prescribed by the board;
- 69 (10) Purchase, receive, take by grant, gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, lease, or
70 otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, employ, use, and otherwise deal with real or personal
71 property or any interests therein, wherever situated;
- 72 (11) Sell, convey, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any of its
73 property or any interest therein, wherever situated;
- 74 (12) Employ and fix the compensation of an executive director and such other agents or
75 employees as it considers necessary;
- 76 (13) Adopt, alter, or repeal by its own bylaws, rules, and regulations governing the
77 manner in which its business may be transacted;
- 78 (14) Adopt and use an official seal;
- 79 (15) Assess or charge fees as the board determines to be reasonable to carry out its
80 purposes;
- 81 (16) Make all expenditures which are incident and necessary to carry out its purposes;
- 82 (17) Sue and be sued in its official name;
- 83 (18) Take such action, enter into such agreements, and exercise all functions necessary
84 or appropriate to carry out the duties and purposes set forth in this section.
- 85 **[4.] 3.** There is hereby created the "Coordinating Board for Early Childhood Fund" which
86 shall consist of the following:
- 87 (1) Any moneys appropriated by the general assembly for use by the board in carrying
88 out the powers set out in subsections [~~2 and 3~~] **1 and 2** of this section;

89 (2) Any moneys received from grants or which are given, donated, or contributed to the
 90 fund from any source;

91 (3) Any moneys received as fees authorized under subsections ~~[2 and 3]~~ **1 and 2** of this
 92 section;

93 (4) Any moneys received as interest on deposits or as income on approved investments
 94 of the fund;

95 (5) Any moneys obtained from any other available source.

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97 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the
 98 coordinating board for early childhood fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the
 99 credit of the general revenue fund.

~~[210.101. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Children's
 2 Services Commission", which shall be composed of the following members:-~~

~~3 (1) The director or the director's designee of the following departments:
 4 corrections, elementary and secondary education, higher education, health and
 5 senior services, labor and industrial relations, mental health, public safety, and
 6 social services;-~~

~~7 (2) One judge of a family or juvenile court, who shall be appointed by the
 8 chief justice of the supreme court;-~~

~~9 (3) Two members, one from each political party, of the house of
 10 representatives, who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
 11 representatives;-~~

~~12 (4) Two members, one from each political party, of the senate, who shall
 13 be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate;-~~

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~~15 All members shall serve for as long as they hold the position which made them
 16 eligible for appointment to the Missouri children's services commission under
 17 this subsection. All members shall serve without compensation but may be
 18 reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
 19 their official duties for the commission.-~~

~~20 2. All meetings of the Missouri children's services commission shall be
 21 open to the public and shall, for all purposes, be deemed open public meetings
 22 under the provisions of sections 610.010 to 610.030. The Missouri children's
 23 services commission shall meet no less than once every two months. Notice of
 24 all meetings of the commission shall be given to the general assembly in the same
 25 manner required for notifying the general public of meetings of the general
 26 assembly.-~~

~~27 3. The Missouri children's services commission may make all rules it
 28 deems necessary to enable it to conduct its meetings, elect its officers, and set the
 29 terms and duties of its officers.-~~

30 ~~4. The commission shall elect from amongst its members a chairman,~~
31 ~~vice chairman, a secretary-reporter, and such other officers as it deems necessary.~~

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33 ~~5. The services of the personnel of any agency from which the director~~
34 ~~or deputy director is a member of the commission shall be made available to the~~
35 ~~commission at the discretion of such director or deputy director. All meetings of~~
36 ~~the commission shall be held in the state of Missouri.~~

37 ~~6. The officers of the commission may hire an executive director.~~
38 ~~Funding for the executive director may be provided from the Missouri children's~~
39 ~~services commission fund or other sources provided by law.~~

40 ~~7. The commission, by majority vote, may invite individuals representing~~
41 ~~local and federal agencies or private organizations and the general public to serve~~
42 ~~as ex officio members of the commission. Such individuals shall not have a vote~~
43 ~~in commission business and shall serve without compensation but may be~~
44 ~~reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of~~
45 ~~their official duties for the commission.]~~

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~~[210.103. 1. There is established in the state treasury a special fund, to~~
2 ~~be known as the "Missouri Children's Services Commission Fund". The state~~
3 ~~treasurer shall credit to and deposit in the Missouri children's services~~
4 ~~commission fund all amounts which may be received from general revenue,~~
5 ~~grants, gifts, bequests, the federal government, or other sources granted or given~~
6 ~~for the purposes of sections 210.101 and 210.102.~~

7 ~~2. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the Missouri children's~~
8 ~~services commission fund in the same manner as surplus state funds are invested~~
9 ~~pursuant to section 30.260. All earnings resulting from the investment of moneys~~
10 ~~in the Missouri children's services commission fund shall be credited to the~~
11 ~~Missouri children's services commission fund.~~

12 ~~3. The administration of the Missouri children's services commission~~
13 ~~fund, including, but not limited to, the disbursement of funds therefrom, shall be~~
14 ~~as prescribed by the Missouri children's services commission in its bylaws.~~

15 ~~4. The provisions of section 33.080, requiring all unexpended balances~~
16 ~~remaining in various state funds to be transferred and placed to the credit of the~~
17 ~~ordinary revenue of this state at the end of each biennium, shall not apply to the~~
18 ~~Missouri children's services commission fund.~~

19 ~~5. Amounts received in the fund shall only be used by the commission~~
20 ~~for purposes authorized under sections 210.101 and 210.102.]~~

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