AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the trauma-informed care for children and families board.

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

Section A. Chapter 210, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 210.1030, to read as follows:

210.1030. 1. There is hereby created the “Trauma-Informed Care for Children and Families Board”, which shall enter into a public-private partnership to promote the healthy development of children and their families living in Missouri communities by promoting comprehensive trauma-informed children and family support systems and interagency cooperation.

2. The board shall be composed of the following members:

   (1) The directors of the departments of elementary and secondary education, health and senior services, mental health, and social services;

   (2) Six members from the private sector with knowledge of trauma-informed care methods, two of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives, two of whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, and one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

   (3) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; and

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.
(4) Two members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the
senate and one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

3. The board shall use a competitive procurement process to form a public-private
partnership. It may proceed with a project only if the board issues a request for proposals
for the financing, development, or operation of the project on the board’s own initiative.

4. The public-private partnership shall develop a training utilizing evidence-based
and evidence-informed best practices with respect to:

   (1) Early identification of children and youth and their families, as appropriate,
       who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing trauma;

   (2) The expeditious referral of such children and youth and their families, as
       appropriate, who require specialized services to the appropriate trauma-informed support
       services, including treatment, in accordance with applicable privacy laws; and

   (3) The implementation of trauma-informed approaches and interventions in child
       and youth-serving schools, organizations, homes, and other settings to foster safe, stable,
       and nurturing environments and relationships that prevent and mitigate the effects of
       trauma.

5. The training developed shall be disseminated to staff in all state-funded
programs serving children and their families through the departments of elementary and
secondary education, health and senior services, mental health, and social services.