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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 453, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section 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 A. Chapter 453, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 453.390, to read as follows:

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

2 **(1) Establish and implement an ongoing advertising campaign for the recruitment**
3 **of adoptive and foster care families, with a special emphasis on the recruitment of qualified**
4 **adoptive and foster care families for special needs children. The department may contract**
5 **with professional advertising agencies or other professional entities to conduct such**
6 **advertising campaign on behalf of the department; and**

7 **(2) Establish a twenty-four hour toll-free telephone number to answer questions**
8 **and assist persons inquiring about becoming adoptive or foster parents.**