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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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BROWN (30) AND NIEVES (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 211.031, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to juvenile court jurisdiction.

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

Section A. Section 211.031, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 211.031, to read as follows:

211.031. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the juvenile court or the family court in circuits that have a family court as provided in sections 487.010 to 487.190, RSMo, shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in proceedings:

(1) Involving any child or person seventeen years of age who may be a resident of or found within the county and who is alleged to be in need of care and treatment because:

(a) The parents, or other persons legally responsible for the care and support of the child or person seventeen years of age, neglect or refuse to provide proper support, education which is required by law, medical, surgical or other care necessary for his or her well-being; except that reliance by a parent, guardian or custodian upon remedial treatment other than medical or surgical treatment for a child or person seventeen years of age shall not be construed as neglect when the treatment is recognized or permitted pursuant to the laws of this state;

(b) The child or person seventeen years of age is otherwise without proper care, custody or support; or

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.

14 (c) The child or person seventeen years of age was living in a room, building or other
15 structure at the time such dwelling was found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be a public
16 nuisance pursuant to section 195.130, RSMo;

17 (d) The child or person seventeen years of age is a child in need of mental health services
18 and the parent, guardian or custodian is unable to afford or access appropriate mental health
19 treatment or care for the child;

20 (2) Involving any child who may be a resident of or found within the county and who is
21 alleged to be in need of care and treatment because:

22 (a) The child while subject to compulsory school attendance is repeatedly and without
23 justification absent from school; or

24 (b) The child disobeys the reasonable and lawful directions of his or her parents or other
25 custodian and is beyond their control; or

26 (c) The child is habitually absent from his or her home without sufficient cause,
27 permission, or justification; or

28 (d) The behavior or associations of the child are otherwise injurious to his or her welfare
29 or to the welfare of others; or

30 (e) The child is charged with an offense not classified as criminal, or with an offense
31 applicable only to children; except that, the juvenile court shall not have jurisdiction over any
32 child fifteen and one-half years of age who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal traffic
33 ordinance or regulation, the violation of which does not constitute a felony, or any child who is
34 alleged to have violated a state or municipal ordinance or regulation prohibiting possession or
35 use of any tobacco product;

36 (3) Involving any child who is alleged to have violated a state law or municipal
37 ordinance, or any person who is alleged to have violated a state law or municipal ordinance prior
38 to attaining the age of seventeen years, in which cases jurisdiction may be taken by the court of
39 the circuit in which the child or person resides or may be found or in which the violation is
40 alleged to have occurred; except that, the juvenile court shall not have jurisdiction over any child
41 fifteen and one-half years of age who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal traffic
42 ordinance or regulation, the violation of which does not constitute a felony[, or any child who
43 is alleged to have violated a state or municipal ordinance or regulation prohibiting possession
44 or use of any tobacco product], and except that the juvenile court shall have concurrent
45 jurisdiction with the municipal court over any child who is alleged to have violated a municipal
46 curfew ordinance;

47 (4) For the adoption of a person;

48 (5) For the commitment of a child or person seventeen years of age to the guardianship
49 of the department of social services as provided by law.

50 2. Transfer of a matter, proceeding, jurisdiction or supervision for a child or person
51 seventeen years of age who resides in a county of this state shall be made as follows:

52 (1) Prior to the filing of a petition and upon request of any party or at the discretion of
53 the juvenile officer, the matter in the interest of a child or person seventeen years of age may be
54 transferred by the juvenile officer, with the prior consent of the juvenile officer of the receiving
55 court, to the county of the child's residence or the residence of the person seventeen years of age
56 for future action;

57 (2) Upon the motion of any party or on its own motion prior to final disposition on the
58 pending matter, the court in which a proceeding is commenced may transfer the proceeding of
59 a child or person seventeen years of age to the court located in the county of the child's residence
60 or the residence of the person seventeen years of age, or the county in which the offense pursuant
61 to subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section is alleged to have occurred for further action;

62 (3) Upon motion of any party or on its own motion, the court in which jurisdiction has
63 been taken pursuant to subsection 1 of this section may at any time thereafter transfer jurisdiction
64 of a child or person seventeen years of age to the court located in the county of the child's
65 residence or the residence of the person seventeen years of age for further action with the prior
66 consent of the receiving court;

67 (4) Upon motion of any party or upon its own motion at any time following a judgment
68 of disposition or treatment pursuant to section 211.181, the court having jurisdiction of the cause
69 may place the child or person seventeen years of age under the supervision of another juvenile
70 court within or without the state pursuant to section 210.570, RSMo, with the consent of the
71 receiving court;

72 (5) Upon motion of any child or person seventeen years of age or his or her parent, the
73 court having jurisdiction shall grant one change of judge pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court
74 Rules;

75 (6) Upon the transfer of any matter, proceeding, jurisdiction or supervision of a child or
76 person seventeen years of age, certified copies of all legal and social documents and records
77 pertaining to the case on file with the clerk of the transferring juvenile court shall accompany the
78 transfer.

79 3. In any proceeding involving any child or person seventeen years of age taken into
80 custody in a county other than the county of the child's residence or the residence of a person
81 seventeen years of age, the juvenile court of the county of the child's residence or the residence
82 of a person seventeen years of age shall be notified of such taking into custody within
83 seventy-two hours.

84 4. When an investigation by a juvenile officer pursuant to this section reveals that the
85 only basis for action involves an alleged violation of section 167.031, RSMo, involving a child

86 who alleges to be home schooled, the juvenile officer shall contact a parent or parents of such
87 child to verify that the child is being home schooled and not in violation of section 167.031,
88 RSMo, before making a report of such a violation. Any report of a violation of section 167.031,
89 RSMo, made by a juvenile officer regarding a child who is being home schooled shall be made
90 to the prosecuting attorney of the county where the child legally resides.