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# HOUSE BILL NO. 761

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to licensed child care facilities.

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*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  
2 known as section 210.205, to read as follows:

**210.205. 1. By July 1, 2006, the department of social services and the department  
2 of health and senior services, in collaboration with the department of elementary and  
3 secondary education and other key stakeholders as determined by the departments, shall  
4 develop a quality rating system for child care facilities operated in this state. Child care  
5 ratings shall be built upon Missouri's current system of licensing and regulation. The base  
6 level of the rating system shall be licensing, and the highest level of the rating system shall  
7 be accreditation by a state or nationally recognized accrediting agency. The departments  
8 of social services and health and senior services shall utilize the outcomes of the existing  
9 Missouri quality rating system pilots to establish this system.**

10 **2. The quality rating system shall:**

11 **(1) Provide information for consumers and parents to evaluate and select high  
12 quality early childhood programs;**

13 **(2) Create an accountability system for policymakers and funders;**

14 **(3) Guide providers through a system of ever increasing levels of quality with**

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.

15 specific outcomes.

16           **3. By January 1, 2006, the departments of social services and health and senior**  
17 **services shall submit a report to the general assembly detailing any changes in state statute**  
18 **required to fully implement the quality rating system.**

19           **4. The departments of social services and health and senior services shall**  
20 **promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule,**  
21 **as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority**  
22 **delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all**  
23 **of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This**  
24 **section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the**  
25 **general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or**  
26 **to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of**  
27 **rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2005, shall be**  
28 **invalid and void.**

29           **5. By January 1, 2007, the ratings of the quality rating system shall be posted on**  
30 **the Internet in a format useable by consumers.**