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AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to parental rights.

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 210.890, to read as follows:

- 210.890. 1. The general assembly finds and declares that it is the natural fundamental right of the parents and legal guardians of unemancipated minors less than eighteen years of age to determine and direct the care, health care, teaching, and education of their children.
- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a parent or legal guardian of an unemancipated minor less than eighteen years of age shall have the following rights:
- (1) The right to make all health care decisions for such unemancipated minor. Such right of the parent or legal guardian shall supersede all other state laws regarding health care decisions for unemancipated minors; except that, no parent or legal guardian shall have the authority to require an unemancipated minor to have an abortion.
- (2) The right to request reimbursement of a portion of the real estate taxes paid to the county of residence by a parent or legal guardian for moneys expended by the parent or legal guardian for the private or home schooling of an unemancipated minor. Such reimbursement shall not exceed that portion of such parent's or legal guardian's real estate taxes paid to the county of residence which would otherwise have been directed by the

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17 county to the school districts within the county in which such taxes are owed. Upon

- 18 providing evidence satisfactory to the county of the expenditure of such moneys, the county
- 19 shall provide such reimbursement.

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