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AN ACT

To amend chapter 455, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to services for victims of child abuse, rape, and domestic violence.

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

Section A. Chapter 455, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 455.175 and 455.180, to read as follows:

- 455.175. 1. There is hereby created the "Missouri Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence Commission", to be composed of the following twenty-five persons:**
- (1) A representative of domestic violence programs or domestic violence services providers in this state;**
 - (2) A physician specializing in the treatment of child abuse;**
 - (3) A prosecuting attorney;**
 - (4) A defense attorney;**
 - (5) A representative of a victim-witness program;**
 - (6) A representative of a law enforcement training program;**
 - (7) A representative of education;**
 - (8) A representative of a parents' group;**

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.

- 12 (9) A mental health professional specializing in the treatment of child abuse,
13 domestic violence, or rape;
14 (10) A representative of city or county law enforcement;
15 (11) A representative of children with disabilities;
16 (12) A municipal or circuit judge;
17 (13) A representative of rape crisis centers;
18 (14) A representative of the Missouri hospital association;
19 (15) A court appointed special advocate (CASA) representative;
20 (16) A guardian ad litem;
21 (17) A representative of area health education center programs;
22 (18) A representative of sex offender treatment programs;
23 (19) Two members of the public;
24 (20) The director of the department of public safety, or the director's designee;
25 (21) The director of the children's division, or the director's designee;
26 (22) The director of the department of health and senior services, or the director's
27 representative;
28 (23) The attorney general, or the attorney general's designee; and
29 (24) A representative of the Missouri state highway patrol crime laboratory.

30 2. The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint the
31 member of the commission listed in subdivisions (1) to (19) of subsection 1 of this section.
32 Each appointed member shall serve for a term of two years; except that, of the initial
33 members appointed ten shall be appointed for a term of two years and ten shall be
34 appointed for a term of three years. Members may be reappointed.

35 3. Members appointed to the commission may be reimbursed for their actual and
36 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the
37 commission.

38 4. The commission shall be an advisory body only and shall act in an advisory
39 capacity to the child abuse, rape, and domestic violence section within the department of
40 social services.

 455.180. 1. There is hereby created the "Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence
2 Section" within the department of social services.

3 2. The child abuse, rape, and domestic violence section shall have the authority and
4 responsibility to:

5 (1) Administer and distribute rape moneys received through the preventive health
6 services block grant, and any other federal and grant moneys received for child abuse,
7 rape, or domestic violence, including coordination of administration and distribution of

8 moneys received from the Children's Justice Act with the task force on children's justice
9 in accordance with section 210.187, RSMo;

10 (2) Receive and expend grants, donations, and moneys from public and private
11 sources to carry out the section's responsibilities;

12 (3) Educate professionals, law enforcement officers, prosecuting attorneys, trial and
13 appellate judges, municipal judges, department employees, and other victim service
14 providers regarding issues, interventions, and other matters associated with child abuse,
15 rape, and domestic violence;

16 (4) Research, develop, and disseminate resource materials as needed;

17 (5) Facilitate the development of and contract with local multidisciplinary teams
18 throughout the state for the purpose of providing coordinated investigation and service
19 delivery to child victims of severe maltreatment;

20 (6) Authorize local multidisciplinary teams throughout the state to review instances
21 of child deaths involving children ages birth through seventeen years of age;

22 (7) Provide support, coordination, and technical assistance to providers of services
23 for rape, domestic violence, and child abuse victims;

24 (8) Develop a database for use in Missouri which addresses information about the
25 effectiveness of treatment programs and other intervention efforts in the areas of domestic
26 violence, child abuse, child sexual abuse, and rape and which focuses on interventions with
27 victims, families, and perpetrators;

28 (9) Advise the governor as to the immediate needs and priorities surrounding the
29 issues of child abuse, domestic violence, and rape;

30 (10) Contract and be contracted with;

31 (11) Provide consultation and technical assistance to professionals regarding child
32 abuse, rape, and domestic violence; and

33 (12) Work with the departments of health and senior services and public safety to
34 carry out the provisions of this section.

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