

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_**

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AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 0177,  
Page 15 , Section 208.247, Line 26 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

“210.101. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Children's Services Commission",  
which shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The director or [deputy director of the department of labor and industrial relations and  
the director or deputy director of each state agency, department, division, or other entity which  
provides services or programs for children, including, but not limited to, the department of mental  
health, the department of elementary and secondary education, the department of social services,  
the department of public safety and the department of health and senior services] the director's  
designee of the following departments: labor and industrial relations, corrections, elementary and  
secondary education, higher education, health and senior services, mental health, public safety,  
and social services;

(2) One judge of a family or juvenile court, who shall be appointed by the chief justice of  
the supreme court;

(3) [One judge of a family court, who shall be appointed by the chief justice of the  
supreme court;

(4) Four] Two members, [two] one from each political party, of the house of  
representatives, who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

[(5) Four] (4) Two members, [two] one from each political party, of the senate, who shall  
be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate;

(5) Five at-large members who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and  
consent of the senate, with one member representing each of the following: pediatricians, family  
physicians, hospital administrators, children's advocacy organizations, and parents of minor  
children.

1 All members shall serve for as long as they hold the position which made them eligible for  
2 appointment to the Missouri children's services commission under this subsection. All members  
3 shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses  
4 incurred in the performance of their official duties for the commission.

5 2. All meetings of the Missouri children's services commission shall be open to the public  
6 and shall, for all purposes, be deemed open public meetings under the provisions of sections  
7 610.010 to 610.030. The Missouri children's services commission shall meet no less than once  
8 every two months[, and shall hold its first meeting no later than sixty days after September 28,  
9 1983]. Notice of all meetings of the commission shall be given to the general assembly in the  
10 same manner required for notifying the general public of meetings of the general assembly.

11 3. The Missouri children's services commission may make all rules it deems necessary to  
12 enable it to conduct its meetings, elect its officers, and set the terms and duties of its officers.

13 4. The commission shall elect from amongst its members a chairman, vice chairman, a  
14 secretary-reporter, and such other officers as it deems necessary.

15 5. The services of the personnel of any agency from which the director or deputy director  
16 is a member of the commission shall be made available to the commission at the discretion of  
17 such director or deputy director. All meetings of the commission shall be held in the state of  
18 Missouri.

19 6. The officers of the commission may hire an executive director. Funding for the  
20 executive director may be provided from the Missouri children's services commission fund or  
21 other sources provided by law.

22 7. The commission, by majority vote, may invite individuals representing local and  
23 federal agencies or private organizations and the general public to serve as ex officio members of  
24 the commission. Such individuals shall not have a vote in commission business and shall serve  
25 without compensation but may be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
26 performance of their official duties for the commission.

27 210.102. 1. It shall be the duty of the Missouri children's services commission to:

28 (1) Make recommendations which will encourage greater interagency coordination,  
29 cooperation, more effective utilization of existing resources and less duplication of effort in  
30 activities of state agencies which affect the legal rights and well-being of children in Missouri;

31 (2) Develop an integrated state plan for the care provided to children in this state through  
32 state programs;

33 (3) Develop a plan to improve the quality of children's programs statewide. Such plan  
34 shall include, but not be limited to:

35 (a) Methods for promoting geographic availability and financial accessibility for all

1 children and families in need of such services;

2 (b) Program recommendations for children's services which include child development,  
3 education, supervision, health and social services;

4 (c) Goals with measurable outcomes for state agencies with respect to children's services;

5 (d) Policy recommendations to the governor and general assembly;

6 (4) Design and implement evaluation of the activities of the commission in fulfilling the  
7 duties as set out in this section;

8 (5) Report annually to the governor with five copies each to the house of representatives  
9 and senate about its activities including, but not limited to the following:

10 (a) A general description of the activities pertaining to children of each state agency  
11 having a member on the commission;

12 (b) A general description of the plans and goals, as they affect children, of each state  
13 agency having a member on the commission;

14 (c) Recommendations for statutory and appropriation initiatives to implement the  
15 integrated state plan;

16 (d) A report from the commission regarding the state of children in Missouri.

17 2. There is hereby established within the children's services commission the  
18 "Coordinating Board for Early Childhood", which shall constitute a body corporate and politic,  
19 and shall include but not be limited to the following members:

20 (1) A representative from the governor's office;

21 (2) A representative from each of the following departments: health and senior services,  
22 mental health, social services, and elementary and secondary education;

23 (3) A representative of the judiciary;

24 (4) A representative of the family and community trust board (FACT);

25 (5) A representative from the head start program;

26 (6) Nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate  
27 who are representatives of the groups, such as business, philanthropy, civic groups, faith-based  
28 organizations, parent groups, advocacy organizations, early childhood service providers, and other  
29 stakeholders. The coordinating board may make all rules it deems necessary to enable it to  
30 conduct its meetings, elect its officers, and set the terms and duties of its officers. The  
31 coordinating board shall elect from amongst its members a chairperson, vice chairperson, a  
32 secretary-reporter, and such other officers as it deems necessary. Members of the board shall  
33 serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses necessary to the  
34 performance of their official duties for the board.

35 3. The coordinating board for early childhood shall have the power to:

- 1 (1) Develop a comprehensive statewide long-range strategic plan for a cohesive early  
2 childhood system;
- 3 (2) Confer with public and private entities for the purpose of promoting and improving  
4 the development of children from birth through age five of this state;
- 5 (3) Identify legislative recommendations to improve services for children from birth  
6 through age five;
- 7 (4) Promote coordination of existing services and programs across public and private  
8 entities;
- 9 (5) Promote research-based approaches to services and ongoing program evaluation;
- 10 (6) Identify service gaps and advise public and private entities on methods to close such  
11 gaps;
- 12 (7) Apply for and accept gifts, grants, appropriations, loans, or contributions to the  
13 coordinating board for early childhood fund from any source, public or private, and enter into  
14 contracts or other transactions with any federal or state agency, any private organizations, or any  
15 other source in furtherance of the purpose of subsections 2 and 3 of this section, and take any and  
16 all actions necessary to avail itself of such aid and cooperation;
- 17 (8) Direct disbursements from the coordinating board for early childhood fund as  
18 provided in this section;
- 19 (9) Administer the coordinating board for early childhood fund and invest any portion of  
20 the moneys not required for immediate disbursement in obligations of the United States or any  
21 agency or instrumentality of the United States, in obligations of the state of Missouri and its  
22 political subdivisions, in certificates of deposit and time deposits, or other obligations of banks  
23 and savings and loan associations, or in such other obligations as may be prescribed by the board;
- 24 (10) Purchase, receive, take by grant, gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, lease, or  
25 otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, employ, use, and otherwise deal with real or personal  
26 property or any interests therein, wherever situated;
- 27 (11) Sell, convey, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any of its  
28 property or any interest therein, wherever situated;
- 29 (12) Employ and fix the compensation of an executive director and such other agents or  
30 employees as it considers necessary;
- 31 (13) Adopt, alter, or repeal by its own bylaws, rules, and regulations governing the  
32 manner in which its business may be transacted;
- 33 (14) Adopt and use an official seal;
- 34 (15) Assess or charge fees as the board determines to be reasonable to carry out its  
35 purposes;

1 (16) Make all expenditures which are incident and necessary to carry out its purposes;  
2 (17) Sue and be sued in its official name;  
3 (18) Take such action, enter into such agreements, and exercise all functions necessary or  
4 appropriate to carry out the duties and purposes set forth in this section.

5 4. There is hereby created the "Coordinating Board for Early Childhood Fund" which  
6 shall consist of the following:

7 (1) Any moneys appropriated by the general assembly for use by the board in carrying out  
8 the powers set out in subsections 2 and 3 of this section;

9 (2) Any moneys received from grants or which are given, donated, or contributed to the  
10 fund from any source;

11 (3) Any moneys received as fees authorized under subsections 2 and 3 of this section;

12 (4) Any moneys received as interest on deposits or as income on approved investments of  
13 the fund;

14 (5) Any moneys obtained from any other available source. Notwithstanding the provisions  
15 of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the coordinating board for early  
16 childhood fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue  
17 fund.

18 210.105. 1. There is hereby created the "Missouri Task Force on Prematurity and Infant  
19 Mortality" within the children's services commission to consist of the following eighteen  
20 members:

21 (1) The following six members of the general assembly:

22 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, with two members to be appointed by  
23 the speaker of the house and one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the house;

24 (b) Three members of the senate, with two members to be appointed by the president pro  
25 tem of the senate and one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

26 (2) The director of the department of health and senior services, or the director's designee;

27 (3) The director of the department of social services, or the director's designee;

28 (4) The director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional  
29 registration, or the director's designee;

30 (5) One member representing a not-for-profit organization specializing in prematurity and  
31 infant mortality;

32 (6) Two members who shall be either a physician or nurse practitioner specializing in  
33 obstetrics and gynecology, family medicine, pediatrics or perinatology;

34 (7) Two consumer representatives who are parents of individuals born prematurely,  
35 including one parent of an individual under the age of eighteen;

- 1       (8) Two members representing insurance providers in the state;  
2       (9) One small business advocate; and  
3       (10) One member of the small business regulatory fairness board.  
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5       Members of the task force, other than the legislative members and directors of state agencies, shall  
6       be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate by September 15, 2011.

7       2. A majority of a quorum from among the task force membership shall elect a chair and  
8       vice-chair of the task force.

9       3. A majority vote of a quorum of the task force is required for any action.

10       4. The chairperson of the children's services commission shall convene the initial meeting  
11       of the task force by no later than October 15, 2011. The task force shall meet at least quarterly;  
12       except that the task force shall meet at least twice prior to the end of 2011. Meetings may be held  
13       by telephone or video conference at the discretion of the chair.

14       5. Members shall serve on the commission without compensation, but may, subject to  
15       appropriation, be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
16       their official duties as members of the task force.

17       6. The goal of the task force is to seek evidence-based and cost-effective approaches to  
18       reduce Missouri's preterm birth and infant mortality rates.

19       7. The task force shall:

20       (1) Submit findings to the general assembly;

21       (2) Review appropriate and relevant evidence-based research regarding the causes and  
22       effects of prematurity and birth defects in Missouri;

23       (3) Examine existing public and private entities currently associated with the prevention  
24       and treatment of prematurity and infant mortality in Missouri;

25       (4) Develop cost-effective strategies to reduce prematurity and infant mortality; and

26       (5) Issue findings and propose to the appropriate public and private organizations goals,  
27       objectives, strategies, and tactics designed to reduce prematurity and infant mortality in Missouri,  
28       including drafting legislation on public policy for consideration during the next appropriate  
29       session of the general assembly.

30       8. On or before December 31, 2013, the task force shall submit a report on their findings  
31       to the governor and general assembly. The report shall include any dissenting opinions in addition  
32       to any majority opinions.

33       9. The task force shall expire on January 1, 2015, or upon submission of a report under  
34       subsection 8 of this section, whichever is earlier."; and  
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- 1 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
- 2 accordingly.