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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 135.341, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the champion for children tax credit.

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

Section A. Section 135.341, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 135.341, to read as follows:

135.341. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

- (1) "CASA", an entity which receives funding from the court-appointed special advocate fund established under section 476.777, including an association based in this state, affiliated with a national association, organized to provide support to entities receiving funding from the court-appointed special advocate fund;
- (2) "Child advocacy centers", the regional child assessment centers listed in subsection 2 of section 210.001;
- (3) "Contribution", the amount of donation to a qualified agency;
- (4) "Crisis care center", entities contracted with this state which provide temporary care for children whose age ranges from birth through seventeen years of age whose parents or guardian are experiencing an unexpected and unstable or serious condition that requires immediate action resulting in short-term care, usually three to five continuous, uninterrupted days, for children who may be at risk for child abuse, neglect, or in an emergency situation;
- (5) "Department", the department of revenue;
- (6) "Director", the director of the department of revenue;
- (7) "Qualified agency", CASA, child advocacy centers, or a crisis care center;

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.

17 (8) "Tax liability", the tax due under chapter 143 other than taxes withheld under
18 sections 143.191 to 143.265.

19 2. For all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, a tax credit may be claimed
20 in an amount equal to up to fifty percent of a verified contribution to a qualified agency and shall
21 be named the champion for children tax credit. The minimum amount of any tax credit issued
22 shall not be less than fifty dollars and shall be applied to taxes due under chapter 143, excluding
23 sections 143.191 to 143.265. A contribution verification shall be issued to the taxpayer by the
24 agency receiving the contribution. Such contribution verification shall include the taxpayer's
25 name, Social Security number, amount of tax credit, amount of contribution, the name and
26 address of the agency receiving the credit, and the date the contribution was made. The tax credit
27 provided under this subsection shall be initially filed for the year in which the verified
28 contribution is made.

29 3. The cumulative amount of the tax credits redeemed shall not exceed one million
30 dollars in any tax year. The amount available shall be equally divided among the three qualified
31 agencies: CASA, child advocacy centers, or crisis care centers, to be used towards tax credits
32 issued. In the event tax credits claimed under one agency do not total the allocated amount for
33 that agency, the unused portion for that agency will be made available to the remaining agencies
34 equally. In the event the total amount of tax credits claimed for any one agency exceeds the
35 amount available for that agency, the amount redeemed shall and will be apportioned equally to
36 all eligible taxpayers claiming the credit under that agency.

37 4. Prior to December thirty-first of each year, each qualified agency shall apply to the
38 department of social services in order to verify their qualified agency status. Upon a
39 determination that the agency is eligible to be a qualified agency, the department of social
40 services shall provide a letter of eligibility to such agency. No later than February first of each
41 year, the department of social services shall provide a list of qualified agencies to the department
42 of revenue. All tax credit applications to claim the champion for children tax credit shall be filed
43 between July first and April fifteenth of each fiscal year. A taxpayer shall apply for the
44 champion for children tax credit by attaching a copy of the contribution verification provided by
45 a qualified agency to such taxpayer's income tax return.

46 5. Any amount of tax credit which exceeds the tax due or which is applied for and
47 otherwise eligible for issuance but not issued shall not be refunded but may be carried over to
48 any subsequent taxable year, not to exceed a total of five years.

49 6. Tax credits may be assigned, transferred or sold.

50 7. (1) In the event a credit denial, due to lack of available funds, causes a balance-due
51 notice to be generated by the department of revenue, or any other redeeming agency, the taxpayer

52 will not be held liable for any penalty or interest, provided the balance is paid, or approved
53 payment arrangements have been made, within sixty days from the notice of denial.

54 (2) In the event the balance is not paid within sixty days from the notice of denial, the
55 remaining balance shall be due and payable under the provisions of chapter 143.

56 8. The department may promulgate such rules or regulations as are necessary to
57 administer the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined
58 in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become
59 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
60 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the
61 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
62 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of
63 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013, shall be invalid
64 and void.

65 9. Pursuant to section 23.253, of the Missouri sunset act:

66 (1) The program authorized under this section shall be reauthorized as of March 29,
67 ~~[2013]~~ **2019**, and shall expire on December 31, ~~[2019]~~ **2025**, unless reauthorized by the general
68 assembly; and

69 (2) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately
70 following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset; and

71 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit or in any way impair
72 the department's ability to redeem tax credits authorized on or before the date the program
73 authorized under this section expires or a taxpayer's ability to redeem such credits.

74 10. Beginning on March 29, 2013, any verified contribution to a qualified agency made
75 on or after January 1, 2013, shall be eligible for tax credits as provided by this section.

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