

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 323, Page 11, Section 161.097, Line 38, by
2 inserting after all of the said section and line the following:
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4 "161.217. 1. The department of elementary and secondary education, in collaboration with
5 the Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office and the departments of health and senior services, mental
6 health, and social services, shall develop~~[- as a three-year pilot program,]~~ a voluntary early learning quality
7 assurance report. The early learning quality assurance report shall be developed based on evidence-based
8 practices.

9 2. Participation in the early learning quality assurance report ~~[pilot]~~ program shall be voluntary for
10 any licensed or license-exempt early learning providers that are center-based or home-based and are
11 providing services for children from any ages from birth up to kindergarten.

12 3. The early learning quality assurance report may include, but is not limited to, information
13 regarding staff qualifications, instructional quality, professional development, health and safety standards,
14 parent engagement, and community engagement.

15 4. The early learning quality assurance report shall not be used for enforcement of compliance with
16 any law or for any punitive purposes.

17 5. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate all necessary rules and
18 regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
19 section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
20 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
21 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant
22 to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
23 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
24 2016, shall be invalid and void.

25 6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

26 (1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall automatically sunset ~~[three~~
27 ~~years after August 28, 2019]~~ four years after August 28, 2021, unless reauthorized by an act of the general
28 assembly; and

29 (2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section shall automatically
30 sunset ~~[three years]~~ four years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section; and

31 (3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year immediately following the
32 calendar year in which the program authorized under this section is sunset."; and
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34 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.

Action Taken _____ Date _____