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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PERSON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to wellness checks on children with special needs or life-threatening illnesses, with penalty provisions.

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 210.1300, to read as follows:

210.1300. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as "Christian's Law".

2. A medical provider, an educator, a legal representative or guardian ad litem, a social worker, any court official, a judge, and any other person servicing or providing care for a child with special needs or a life-threatening illness shall be required to protect, serve, and do what is in the best interest of such child by making appropriate hotlines, visits, interviews, and interventions in an effort to preserve the child's life.

3. A social worker shall be required to make in-person visits to check on a child with special needs or a life-threatening illness within twenty-four hours of a parent's or guardian's failure to bring such child to any required or scheduled medical appointment or to school. A social worker shall visit with the child, record findings, confirm the child's mortality status, and document the parent's or guardian's reason or reasons for the child not attending the required or scheduled medical appointment or school. Any agency, lawyer, or other legal representative assigned to look out for the best interest of such child shall be made aware of the social worker's findings within twenty-four hours. Upon receiving the social worker's findings, such agency, lawyer, or other legal representative shall record the findings and take necessary steps to preserve and protect the life of such child. Failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection by the social worker, agency,

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.

18 or lawyer or by another legal representative shall result in jail time, penalties, fees, or the
19 loss of certifications and licenses to practice in the state of Missouri as deemed appropriate
20 by a court or a licensing authority.

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