



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>CRAIG STEVENSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: <b>KIDS WIN MISSOURI</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>1 CAMPBELL PLAZA, SUITE 101</b>			
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63139</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/2/2021 12:00 AM</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>KATHRYN GAMBLE</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-4875</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI COALITION OF CHILDREN's AGENCIES</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>213 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE</b>			
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WITNESS NAME: <b>LINDA RALLO</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-330-8442</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVO</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>arniedienoff@yahoo.com</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/1/2021 11:18 PM</b>

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**I am in Opposition to this Bill. How many "Early Childhood Programs" does the State Need? This is a Local Control Issue and Decision.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>TERRI FOULKES</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-884-2936</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK</b>		TITLE: <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>1110 S. COLLEGE AVE</b>			
CITY: <b>COLUMBIA</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65211</b>
EMAIL: <b>foulkest@missouri.edu</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/1/2021 10:52 PM</b>
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The Missouri AfterSchool Network builds partnership and systems across the state that improve, support, and sustain quality afterschool and summer programs. Although many afterschool and summer programs focus on academic support and enrichment, afterschool also has an important role in providing safe, age-appropriate child care to children ages 5-12 while their parents complete their work day. The Afterschool Alliance, a national policy organization, estimates that there are more than 130,000 school-age children in afterschool programs in Missouri. Parents looking for school-age child care have very similar concerns to families seeking care for their infants, toddlers, and preschool age children. The Quality Assurance Report program has the ability to help parents seeking care and education programs for children across the child care age spectrum. The Missouri AfterSchool Network supports removing the sunset for the Quality Assurance Report. Additionally, the Missouri AfterSchool Network would like to request that the committee consider expanding the Quality Assurance Report to intentionally include afterschool programs. Currently, the Quality Assurance Report pilot is included in the Preschool Development Grant workplan, which is focused on programs serving children birth – 5 years of age. However, after the PDG grant ends, the Quality Assurance Report work is likely to be connected to the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) from the Child Care Development Block Grant in order to sustain the program. The federal CCDF program provides direct child care payments (subsidy) and quality program supports to both early childhood and school-age children. If incentives or supports are offered to the child care programs participating in the Quality Assurance Report program, this would include both early childhood and afterschool and summer programs for children 5-12 years of age. Additionally, we anticipate that if early childhood focused child care programs are receiving quality reports, the families of the school-age/afterschool child care programs will also seek this information. The Missouri AfterSchool Network requests that the committee modify the language used in HB 1071 to include school-age/afterschool programs. First, please consider broadening the name of the program from “Early Learning Quality Assurance Report” to “Early Learning and Afterschool Quality Assurance Report” or “Child Care Quality Assurance Report” or simply “Quality Assurance Report”. Each of the alternate names would be inclusive of both early childhood and afterschool programs. Second, we request that you expand the ages noted in the text to include children up to 12 years of age. This could be specific (up to 12 years) or with flexible terminology such as “ages covered by child care licensing” or “ages covered by the Child Care Development Block Grant”. Third, the current language “voluntary for any licensed or license-exempt” excludes the school administered afterschool programs that are “exempt from licensure”, which is not the same as “license exempt.” We suggest the following language instead, “voluntary for any licensed, license-exempt, or school-age exempt from licensure programs”. Finally, we request that the Missouri AfterSchool Network be included in the list of required collaborators. The Missouri

AfterSchool Network serves a similar role for the federally funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers and School Age Community grantees as the Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office does for Head Start and Early Head Start grantees. Including the Missouri AfterSchool Network as a collaborative partner would help to ensure that the criteria, policies, and procedures established for the Quality Assurance Report would work for school-age child care programs in the same way that the Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office is ensuring that the Quality Assurance Report program will work for Head Start programs. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony and for your service to the state of Missouri.