

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. ____
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Offered By

AMEND House Amendment No. ____ to House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 690, Page 1, Line 30, by inserting after all of said line the following:

"Further amend said bill, Page 80, Section 210.921, Line 41, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"217.940. 1. This act establishes the "Correctional Center Nursery Program". The department of corrections shall, subject to appropriations, establish a correctional center nursery in one or more of the correctional centers for women operated by the department, no later than July 1, 2025. The purpose of the correctional center nursery program is for bonding and unification between the mother and child. The program shall allow eligible inmates and children born from them while in the custody of the department to reside together in the institution for up to eighteen months post-delivery. In establishing this program, neither the inmate's participation in the program nor any provision of sections 217.940 to 217.947 shall affect, modify, or interfere with the inmate's custodial rights to the child nor does it establish legal custody of the child with the department.

2. As used in sections 217.940 to 217.947, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Correctional center nursery program", the program authorized by sections 217.940 to 217.947;

(2) "Department", the department of corrections;

(3) "Public assistance", all forms of assistance, including monetary assistance from any public source paid either to the mother or child or any other person on behalf of the child;

(4) "Support", the payment of money, including interest:

(a) For a child or spouse ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, whether the payment is ordered in an emergency, temporary, permanent, or modified order, the amount of unpaid support shall bear simple interest from the date it accrued, at a rate of ten dollars upon one hundred dollars per annum, and proportionately for a greater or lesser sum, or for a longer or shorter time;

(b) To third parties on behalf of a child or spouse, including, but not limited to, payments to medical, dental or educational providers, payments to insurers for health and hospitalization insurance, payments of residential rent or mortgage payments, payments on an automobile, or

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1 payments for day care; or

2 (c) For a mother, ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, for the necessary expenses
3 incurred by or for the mother in connection with her confinement or of other expenses in connection
4 with the pregnancy of the mother.

5 217.941. 1. An inmate is eligible to participate in the correctional center nursery program
6 if:

7 (1) She delivers the child while in the custody of the department;

8 (2) She is expected to give birth or gives birth on or after the date the program is
9 implemented;

10 (3) She has a presumptive release date established by the parole board of eighteen months or
11 less from the date she applies to participate in the program;

12 (4) She has not pled guilty to or been convicted of a dangerous felony as defined in section
13 556.061;

14 (5) She has not pled guilty to or been convicted of any sexual offense contained in chapter
15 566 where the victim of the crime was a minor;

16 (6) She has not pled guilty to or been convicted of an offense against the family contained in
17 chapter 568, excluding criminal nonsupport; and

18 (7) She and the child meet any other criteria established by the department.

19 2. Placement into the program shall be by internal classification of the department. A
20 sentencing court is without jurisdiction to order a placement of an inmate into the program.

21 3. Program capacity shall be determined by the department.

22 4. Upon first release of the mother and child, the child shall not be eligible to return to the
23 program if the mother is revoked or receives a new assignment to the department of corrections.

24 217.942. 1. To participate in the correctional center nursery program, each eligible inmate
25 selected by the department shall agree in writing to:

26 (1) Comply with all department policies, procedures and other requirements related to the
27 corrections nursery program and rules that apply to all incarcerated offenders generally;

28 (2) If eligible, have the child participate in the state children's health insurance program
29 under sections 208.631 to 208.658;

30 (3) Abide by any court decisions regarding the allocation of parental rights and
31 responsibilities with respect to the child; and

32 (4) Specify with whom the child is to be placed in the event the inmate's participation in the
33 program is terminated for a reason other than release from imprisonment.

34 2. The department shall be required to establish policy for the operation of the program.

35 217.943. An inmate's participation in the correctional center nursery program may be
36 terminated by the department if one of the following occurs:

37 (1) The inmate fails to comply with the agreement entered into under section 217.942;

38 (2) The inmate violates an institutional rule that results in alternative housing placement
39 outside of the area designated for the program;

1 (3) The inmate's child becomes seriously ill, cannot receive the necessary medical care, or
2 otherwise cannot safely participate in the program;

3 (4) A court of competent jurisdiction grants custody of the child to a person other than the
4 inmate;

5 (5) A court of competent jurisdiction issues an order granting joint custody of the child;

6 (6) A court of competent jurisdiction issues an order regarding the child granting temporary,
7 permanent, or legal custody of the child to a person other than the inmate, or to a public children
8 services agency or private child placing agency; or

9 (7) The inmate is released from imprisonment.

10 217.944. 1. The division of child support enforcement shall collect support payments made
11 pursuant to the assignment and forward them to the department for deposit into the inmate's inmate
12 banking account.

13 2. The department may accept monetary and property donations on behalf of the program.

14 3. All donations accepted by the department for the correctional center nursery program
15 shall be used solely for any expenses relating to the operation and maintenance of the program.

16 4. No donations of property shall be made on behalf of one particular inmate or child to be
17 used while incarcerated.

18 5. Financial donations, public assistance, or support for a specific inmate or child shall be
19 made through the inmate banking system.

20 217.945. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Correctional Center Nursery
21 Program Fund", which shall consist of money collected under this section and section 217.944 as
22 well as any appropriations made by the general assembly. The department shall obtain sufficient
23 resources to initiate and maintain the program and may accept gifts, grants, and donations of any
24 kind. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and
25 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and
26 money in the fund shall be used solely by the department for the purposes of operating and
27 maintaining sections 217.940 to 217.947.

28 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining
29 in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund.

30 3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are
31 invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

32 217.946. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to contrary, neither the correctional
33 center nursery program nor the department, with respect to the program, is subject to any regulation,
34 licensing or oversight by the department of health and senior services, department of social services,
35 children's division, juvenile officer of any jurisdiction or the office of childhood unless the
36 department voluntarily agrees to services, regulation, licensing, or oversight from any of the
37 aforementioned entities.

38 217.947. In addition to the general sovereign or governmental tort immunity bestowed upon
39 public entities in section 537.600, the department and its employees shall be immune from any suit

1 or liability brought by or on behalf of children who participated in the correctional center nursery
2 program for any injuries or damages arising from correctional facility conditions. A motor vehicle
3 operated by an employee of the Missouri department of corrections who unintentionally causes
4 injury or death to a child resident of the correctional center nursery shall not be liable."; and"; and
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6 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
7 accordingly.
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9 THIS AMENDS AMENDMENT 3344H09.19H.