

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 509

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMULLEN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to foster care.

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
2 known as section 210.495, to read as follows:

210.495. The children's division or any child-placing agency contracting with the
2 state to provide foster care services shall, whenever practicable, place a child in a home
3 with a guardian or foster parent who has the same religious faith as the parents of the
4 child. If the parents of the child have different religious faiths, the religious faith of the
5 child shall be considered when placing the child in the home of a guardian or foster
6 parent. If the religious faith of the child is unascertainable, the religious faith of either
7 parent of the child shall be considered.

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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.