

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1034

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMULLEN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 211.221, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the placement of a child.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 211.221, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 211.221, to read as follows:

211.221. In placing a child in or committing a child to the custody of an individual or of a private agency or institution the court, **children's division, or any child placing agency contracting with the state to provide foster care services** shall whenever practicable select either a person, or an agency or institution governed by persons of the same religious faith as that of the parents of such child, or in case of a difference in the religious faith of the parents, then of the religious faith of the child or if the religious faith of the child is not ascertainable, then of the faith of either of the parents.

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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.