

HOUSE BILL NO. 1892

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HEIN.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 630, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a dyadic therapy pilot program.

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

Section A. Chapter 630, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 630.990, to read as follows:

630.990. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "Caregiver", a parent or individual eighteen years of age or older with whom
3 a child lives and who is responsible for the care of the child;
4 (2) "Child", a minor under seven years of age;
5 (3) "Child-care facility", the same meaning given to the term in section 210.201;
6 (4) "Department", the department of mental health;
7 (5) "Dyadic therapy", mental or behavioral health treatment delivered to a
8 caregiver and child simultaneously including, but not limited to, child-parent
9 psychotherapy (CPP), parent-child interaction therapy (PCIT), and attachment and
10 biobehavioral catch-up (ABC);
11 (6) "Mental health care provider", a psychologist, professional counselor, or
12 social worker licensed under chapter 337 who has received specific training in dyadic
13 therapy modalities;
14 (7) "Primary care physician", the same meaning given to the term in section
15 191.603;
16 (8) "Program", the dyadic therapy pilot program established in this section;

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.

17 (9) "School", any public school as described in section 166.011, private school as
18 defined in section 166.700, or parochial school.

19 2. Subject to appropriations for the purpose of funding the program, there is
20 hereby established within the department, in cooperation with the department of health
21 and senior services, a "Dyadic Therapy Pilot Program" to fund dyadic therapy services
22 for caregivers and children in their care.

23 3. Any caregiver and the child in his or her care shall be eligible to participate in
24 the program if:

25 (1) Either the caregiver or the child is eligible for MO HealthNet coverage; or

26 (2) The child is in the custody of the children's division of the department of
27 social services.

28 4. The program shall provide:

29 (1) Developmental, behavioral, and emotional screening of children referred to
30 the program;

31 (2) Referral services to mental health care providers, including services
32 necessary for diagnosis;

33 (3) Treatment services for caregivers and children who are diagnosed with
34 attachment disorders or externalizing behavioral scores in the clinical range after being
35 screened; and

36 (4) Outreach and education activities to ensure awareness and utilization of
37 program services by caregivers through primary care physicians, mental health care
38 providers, child-care facilities, and schools.

39 5. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Dyadic Therapy Fund",
40 which shall consist of any appropriations to such fund. The state treasurer shall be
41 custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer
42 may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon
43 appropriation, moneys in this fund shall be used solely as provided in this section.

44 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys
45 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
46 general revenue fund.

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

50 6. At least annually, the department shall prepare and submit to the governor,
51 the speaker of the house of representatives, and the president pro tempore of the senate
52 a report on the program that includes:

53 **(1) The number of individuals screened and treated under the program,**
54 **including racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic data on the individuals who were screened**
55 **and treated; and**

56 **(2) To the extent possible, any cost savings to the children's division of the**
57 **department of social services, the department of elementary and secondary education,**
58 **school districts, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, employers, and other**
59 **public and private entities achieved by the program as a result of reduced problem**
60 **behaviors in children referred to the program, reductions in suspensions or expulsions**
61 **from schools or child-care facilities, reductions in necessary interventions for children**
62 **referred to the children's division of the department of social services, and increased**
63 **family reunifications.**

64 **7. The department shall promulgate rules to establish guidelines on eligibility for**
65 **the program and to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a**
66 **rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority**
67 **delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to**
68 **all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and**
69 **chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly**
70 **pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul**
71 **a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority**
72 **and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2024, shall be invalid and void.**

73 **8. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

74 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**
75 **automatically sunset six years after August 28, 2024, unless reauthorized by an act of the**
76 **general assembly; and**

77 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
78 **shall automatically sunset six years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this**
79 **section; and**

80 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year**
81 **immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this**
82 **section is sunset.**

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