AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the protection of children.

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 known as section 210.126, to read as follows:

210.126. Notwithstanding any provision of law:

(1) If a child is removed from the child's home for the first time because a police officer, law enforcement official, or physician has reasonable cause to suspect that the child is suffering from illness, injury, abuse, or neglect, or is in danger of such, the child shall be placed in a foster home. The parent or guardian shall be given twelve months from the time the child is removed from the parent's or guardian's home to complete a rehabilitation program or parental training, which shall be paid for by the state. If the parent or guardian does not complete the program or training required under this subdivision, the child shall be placed in the custody of the children's division and placed for adoption. If the parent or guardian completes the program or training required under this subdivision, the parent or guardian shall regain custody of his or her child, provided that the parent or guardian receives biweekly supervised visits from the children's division for a period of twelve months;

(2) If a parent or guardian has regained custody of his or her child under subdivision (1) of this section but the child is removed from the home for a second time because a police officer, law enforcement official, or physician has reasonable cause to suspect that the child is suffering from illness, injury, abuse, or neglect, or is in danger of

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.
such, the child shall be placed in a foster home. The parent or guardian shall be given
six months from the time the child is removed from the parent's or guardian's home to
complete a rehabilitation program or parental training, which shall be paid for by the
state. If the parent or guardian does not complete the program or training required
under this subdivision, the child shall be placed in the custody of the children's division
and placed for adoption. If the parent or guardian completes the program or training
required under this subdivision, the parent or guardian shall regain custody of the child,
provided that the parent or guardian receives biweekly supervised visits from the
children's division for a period of six months; and

(3) If a parent or guardian has regained custody of his or her child under
subdivision (2) of this section but the child is removed from the home for a third time
because a police officer, law enforcement official, or physician has reasonable cause to
suspect that the child is suffering from illness, injury, abuse, or neglect, or is in danger of
such, the child shall be moved to a foster home and placed for adoption. The parent or
guardian shall relinquish his or her rights to that child to the state.