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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill Nos. 737 & 486, Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "207.010. The children's division, family support division, MO HealthNet division, division
5 of youth services, division of legal services, division of maternal and child resources, division of
6 finance and administrative services, and the state technical support team are an integral part of the
7 department of social services and shall have and exercise all the powers and duties necessary to
8 carry out fully and effectively the purposes assigned to them by the director of the department of
9 social services and by law and the department of social services shall be the state agency to:

- 10 (1) Administer state plans and laws involving aid to dependent children;
11 (2) Aid or relief in case of public calamity;
12 (3) Aid for direct relief;
13 (4) Child welfare services;
14 (5) Social services to families and adults;
15 (6) Pensions and services for the blind; ~~and~~
16 (7) Coordinate and apply for services for expectant mothers wishing to place their baby for
17 adoption and place such babies for adoption with fit and proper persons to adopt such baby; and
18 (8) Any other duties relating to public assistance and social services which may be imposed
19 upon the department of social services.

20 207.030. The directors of the family support division, division of maternal and child
21 resources, and children's division shall be persons qualified by education and experience to
22 supervise the work of such divisions and shall be citizens and taxpayers of Missouri. Before
23 entering upon his or her duties, each director shall subscribe an oath or affirmation to support the
24 Constitution of the United States and of the state of Missouri and to faithfully demean himself or
25 herself in office. Each director shall enter into good and sufficient bond, payable to the state of
26 Missouri, conditioned upon the faithful discharge and performance of official duties, and upon
27 accountability for all property and funds coming under such director's administration and control,
28 said bond to be approved by the attorney general as to form, and by the governor as to its
29 sufficiency, the premium on said bond to be paid by the state. The governor may remove the

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1 director of the children's division and the director of the family support division for incompetence,
2 misconduct, or neglect of duty.

3 207.060. 1. The directors of the family support division, division of maternal and child
4 resources, and children's division shall jointly operate and maintain a county office in every county,
5 which may be in the charge of a county welfare director who shall have been a resident of the state
6 of Missouri for a period of at least two years immediately prior to taking office and whose salary
7 shall be paid from funds appropriated for the family support division, division of maternal and child
8 resources, and children's division.

9 2. For the purpose of establishing and maintaining county offices, or carrying out any of the
10 duties of the divisions, the division directors may enter into agreements with any political
11 subdivision of this state, and as a part of such agreement, may accept moneys, services, or quarters
12 as a contribution toward the support and maintenance of such county offices. Any funds so received
13 shall be payable to the director of revenue and deposited in the proper special account in the state
14 treasury, and become and be a part of state funds appropriated for the use of the family support
15 division, division of maternal and child resources, and children's division.

16 3. Other employees in the county offices shall be employed with due regard to the
17 population of the county, existing conditions and purpose to be accomplished. Such employees shall
18 be paid as are other employees of the family support division, division of maternal and child
19 resources, and children's division.

20 207.100. 1. Sections 207.100 to 207.108 shall be known and may be cited as the "Save MO
21 Babies Act".

22 2. As used in sections 207.100 to 207.108, the following terms mean:

23 (1) "Adoption", a proceeding in any county of Missouri for the adoption of a child under
24 sections 207.100 to 207.108 or chapter 453;

25 (2) "Child" or "children", any offspring of a man and a woman existing upon first detection
26 of the mother being pregnant up to and after birth;

27 (3) "Children's services providers and agencies", any public, quasi-public, or private entity
28 with the appropriate and relevant training and expertise in delivering services to children and their
29 families as determined by the children's division and capable of providing direct services and other
30 family services for children in the custody of the children's division or any such entities or agencies
31 that are receiving state moneys for such services;

32 (4) "Director", the director of the Missouri division of maternal and child resources within
33 the department of social services;

34 (5) "Division", the Missouri division of maternal and child resources within the department
35 of social services;

36 (6) "Expectant mother", any woman currently pregnant with a child or children;

37 (7) "Father", the presumed or biological father of an unborn child or children;

1 (8) "Prospective adoptive parent", a person who is determined to be fit and proper to adopt a
2 child in Missouri after successfully completing screenings, background checks, home studies, and
3 other investigations.

4 207.101. 1. In addition to the powers, duties, and functions vested in the division by other
5 provisions of this chapter or by other laws of this state, the division shall have the power:

6 (1) To sue and be sued;

7 (2) To make contracts and carry out the duties imposed upon it by sections 207.100 to
8 207.108 or any other law;

9 (3) To administer, disburse, dispose of, and account for funds, commodities, equipment,
10 supplies or services, and any kind of property given, granted, loaned, advanced to, or appropriated
11 by the state of Missouri for any of the purposes herein;

12 (4) To administer oaths, issue subpoenas for witnesses, examine such witnesses under oath,
13 and make and keep a record of same;

14 (5) To adopt, amend, and repeal rules and regulations necessary or desirable to carry out the
15 provisions of this chapter and that are not inconsistent with the constitution or laws of this state;

16 (6) To cooperate with the United States government in matters of mutual concern pertaining
17 to any duties wherein the division is acting as a state agency, including the adoption of such methods
18 of administration as are found by the United States government to be necessary for the efficient
19 operation of state plans hereunder;

20 (7) To make reports in a form that contain information the United States government may,
21 from time to time, require, and comply with provisions the United States government may, from
22 time to time, find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of reports;

23 (8) To coordinate and extend resources to an expectant mother seeking to carry her child to
24 term and place such child for adoption with a person who is fit and proper to adopt such child;

25 (9) To aid an expectant mother in applying for services and resources provided by other
26 state agencies to a similarly situated expectant mother in Missouri;

27 (10) To compile and maintain records of an expectant mother seeking services from the
28 division and to make the same available to a prospective adoptive parent seeking to adopt a child in
29 Missouri;

30 (11) To compile and maintain records of a prospective adoptive parent seeking services
31 from the division and to make the same available to an expectant mother in Missouri choosing to
32 place her unborn child with a fit and proper prospective adoptive parent upon the birth of the child;

33 (12) To conduct investigations of any prospective adoptive parent utilizing the services of
34 the division to ensure such parent is fit and proper to adopt a child in Missouri;

35 (13) Upon request, to cooperate with the juvenile court and furnish social studies and reports
36 to the court with respect to a child as to whom an adoption petition has been filed;

37 (14) To appoint, when and if it may deem necessary, advisory committees to provide
38 professional or technical consultation with respect to barriers in facilitating the adoption of children.
39 The members of such advisory committees shall receive no compensation for their services other

1 than expenses actually incurred in the performance of their official duties. The number of members
 2 of each such advisory committee shall be determined by the division, and such advisory committees
 3 shall consult with and advise the children's division with respect to problems and policies incident to
 4 the administration of the particular function germane to the respective field of competence;

5 (15) To initiate or cooperate with other agencies in developing measures for the reduction of
 6 abortions in Missouri through facilitating adoptions with persons who are fit and proper to adopt;

7 (16) To collect statistics, make special fact-finding studies, and publish reports in reference
 8 to its duties;

9 (17) To establish or cooperate in research or demonstration projects relative to sections
 10 207.100 to 207.108, such as those relating to the reduction of abortion services utilized in Missouri,
 11 barriers to adoption of children who would otherwise be aborted, or that will aid in effecting
 12 coordination of planning between private and public agencies, or that will help improve the
 13 administration and effectiveness of programs carried on by the division and the programs related
 14 thereto; and

15 (18) To accept gifts and grants of any property, real or personal, and to sell such property
 16 and expend such gifts or grants not inconsistent with the administration of this chapter and within
 17 the limitations imposed by the donor thereof.

18 2. All powers and duties of the division shall, so far as applicable, apply to the
 19 administration of any other law wherein duties are imposed upon the division acting as a state
 20 agency.

21 207.102. 1. The division shall establish a "Missouri Adoptive Resources Services System"
 22 for the entire state.

23 2. The Missouri adoptive resources services system shall promote the safe and healthy birth
 24 of children in Missouri through the utilization of existing resources for expectant mothers and the
 25 adoption of children in Missouri by fit and proper persons seeking to adopt. The system shall
 26 coordinate community resources and provide assistance or services to expectant mothers identified
 27 to be at risk for seeking abortion services and to prevent abortions through the adoption of children
 28 by fit and proper persons seeking to adopt.

29 3. In furtherance of the Missouri adoptive resources services system, the division shall:

30 (1) Maintain a central registry of each expectant mother who is at risk for seeking an
 31 abortion of her unborn child and make the same available to a prospective adoptive parent who has
 32 completed screenings as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection;

33 (2) Maintain a central registry of a prospective adoptive parent who has successfully
 34 completed screenings, background checks, home studies, and other investigations determining the
 35 parent to be fit and proper to adopt a child in Missouri and make the same available to such an
 36 expectant mother who has been identified as being at risk for seeking an abortion of her unborn
 37 child;

1 (3) Maintain mechanisms as are necessary to facilitate the introduction and mutual
2 agreements of an expectant mother at risk for seeking an abortion of her unborn child and a fit and
3 proper prospective adoptive parent;

4 (4) Facilitate adoptive proceedings wherein a fit and proper prospective adoptive parent
5 adopts a child who would otherwise be aborted prior to his or her natural birth;

6 (5) Assist an expectant mother who is at risk for seeking an abortion of her unborn child in
7 applying for existing services and resources provided by state and local government agencies;

8 (6) Collaborate with the community to identify comprehensive local services and assure
9 access to those services for an expectant mother who is at risk for seeking an abortion of her unborn
10 child;

11 (7) Maintain a record that contains the services provided to an expectant mother and all
12 adoptive proceedings for a child born to an expectant mother seeking services from the division; and

13 (8) Whenever available and appropriate, contract for the provision of services through
14 children's services providers and agencies in the community. In all legal proceedings involving the
15 adoption of a child facilitated by the division, the division shall be represented in court by either
16 division personnel or persons with whom the division contracts for such legal representation. All
17 providers and agencies of services under this section shall be subject to criminal background checks
18 under chapter 43 and shall submit names of all employees to the family care safety registry.

19 207.103. 1. It is the policy of this state and its agencies to implement a system to reduce the
20 number of preventable abortions in Missouri by assisting an expectant mother in identifying and
21 accessing existing resources for daily needs and prenatal care to ensure the health of both the
22 expectant mother and the child and facilitating the adoption of a child who would have otherwise
23 been aborted by a fit and proper person in Missouri. The department of social services shall
24 implement such system subject to the following principles:

25 (1) The safety and welfare of expectant mothers and children are paramount;

26 (2) All expectant mothers and fathers shall be treated with respect and shall not be penalized
27 for seeking services from the division;

28 (3) All providers of direct services to expectant mothers, fathers, and children shall be
29 evaluated in a uniform, transparent, objective, and consistent basis based on an evaluation tool
30 established in this section;

31 (4) Services to expectant mothers and children shall be provided in a timely manner to
32 maximize the opportunity for successful outcomes, and such services shall be tracked and routinely
33 evaluated through a quality assurance program;

34 (5) Any provider of direct services to expectant mothers, fathers, and children shall have the
35 appropriate and relevant training, education, and expertise to provide the highest quality of services
36 possible that shall be consistent with federal and state standards; and

37 (6) Resources and efforts shall be committed to pursue the best possible opportunity for a
38 successful outcome for each expectant mother and child. Successful outcomes may include
39 assisting expectant mothers with accessing available resources for daily needs and prenatal care,

1 identifying resources and preparing expectant mothers, fathers, and prospective adoptive parents for
2 the adoption process, and the provision of continued assistance to expectant mothers, fathers, and
3 prospective adoptive parents during the children's first year of life.

4 2. (1) In conjunction with the response and evaluation team established under subsection 3
5 of this section, as well as other individuals the division deems appropriate, the division shall
6 establish an evaluation tool that complies with state and federal guidelines.

7 (2) The evaluation tool shall include metrics supporting best practices for case management
8 and service provision including, but not limited to, the frequency of face-to-face visits with the
9 child.

10 (3) There shall be a mechanism whereby providers may propose different evaluation metrics
11 on a case-by-case basis if such case may have circumstances far beyond those that would be
12 expected. Such cases shall be evaluated by the response and evaluation team under subsection 3 of
13 this section.

14 (4) Data regarding all evaluation metrics shall be collected by the division on a monthly
15 basis, and the division shall issue a quarterly report regarding the evaluation data for each provider,
16 both public and private, by county. The response and evaluation team shall determine how to
17 aggregate cases for the division and large contractors so that performance and outcomes may be
18 compared effectively while also protecting confidentiality. Such reports shall be made public and
19 shall include information by county.

20 (5) The standards and metrics developed through this evaluation tool shall be used to
21 evaluate competitive bids for future contracts established under subsection 4 of this section.

22 3. The division shall create a response and evaluation team. Membership of the team shall
23 be composed of three staff members from the division with experience in prenatal care, adoption
24 proceedings, or community resources for expectant mothers appointed by the director of the
25 division; two staff members from the department of social services or children's division appointed
26 by the director of the department of social services; four experts with related experience in medical,
27 social work, legal, or other relevant areas, appointed by the governor; and one juvenile or family
28 court judge appointed by the Missouri supreme court. The division shall provide the necessary
29 staffing for the team's operations. All members shall be appointed as provided in this subsection,
30 and the team shall meet for the first time before July 1, 2026.

31 4. The team shall:

32 (1) Review the evaluation tool and metrics set forth in subsection 2 of this section on a
33 semiannual basis to determine any adjustments needed or issues that could affect the quality of such
34 tools and approve or deny on a case-by-case basis:

35 (a) Cases that a provider feels are anomalous and should not be part of developing the case
36 management tool under subsection 2 of this section;

37 (b) Alternative evaluation metrics recommended by providers based on the best interests of
38 the expectant mothers and children under subsections 2 and 5 of this section; or

1 (c) Review and recommend any structure for incentives or other reimbursement strategies
2 under subsection 6 of this section;

3 (2) Develop and execute periodic provider evaluations of cases managed by the division and
4 service providers contracted with the state to provide case management services under this section
5 under the evaluation tool created under subsection 2 of this section to ensure requirements are met,
6 which shall include, but are not limited to, random file review to ensure documentation regarding
7 case management plans and outcomes of cases are maintained; and

8 (3) Develop a system for reviewing and working with providers identified under subdivision
9 (2) of this subsection or providers who request such assistance from the division who show signs of
10 performance weakness to ensure technical assistance and other services are offered to assist the
11 providers in achieving successful outcomes for their cases.

12 5. The division and any other state agency deemed necessary by the division shall, in
13 consultation with service providers and other relevant parties, enter into and implement contracts
14 with qualified children's services providers and agencies to provide a comprehensive and deliberate
15 system of service delivery for expectant mothers, fathers, and children. Contracts shall be awarded
16 through a competitive process and provided by qualified public and private not-for-profit or limited
17 liability corporations owned exclusively by not-for-profit corporation children's services providers
18 and agencies that have;

19 (1) A proven record of providing resources to expectant mothers and children within the
20 state of Missouri that shall be consistent with the standards and policies that shall be established
21 division; and

22 (2) The ability to provide a range of services including, but not limited to, case management
23 services, social work services, recruitment and retention services for expectant mothers and
24 prospective adoptive parents, and adoption services.

25 6. Any contracts entered into by the division shall be in accordance with all state and federal
26 laws and regulations and shall seek to maximize funding where available. Children's services
27 providers and agencies under contract with the division shall be subject to all federal, state, and
28 local laws and regulations relating to the provision of such services and shall be subject to oversight
29 and inspection by appropriate state agencies to assure compliance with standards, which shall be
30 consistent with state or federal standards.

31 7. The division shall accept as prima facie evidence of completion of the requirements for
32 licensure under sections 210.481 to 210.511 proof that an agency is accredited by any of the
33 following nationally recognized bodies: the Council on Accreditation, Children and Families, Inc.,
34 or the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

35 8. Payment to the children's services providers and agencies shall be made based on the
36 reasonable costs of services, including responsibilities necessary to execute the contract. Any
37 reimbursement increases made through enhanced appropriations for services shall be allocated to
38 providers regardless of whether the provider is public or private. Such increases shall be considered
39 additive to the existing contracts. In addition to payments reflecting the cost of services, contracts

1 shall include incentives provided in recognition of performance based on the evaluation tool created
2 under subsection 2 of this section and the corresponding savings for the state. The response and
3 evaluation team under subsection 3 of this section shall review a formula to distribute such
4 payments, as recommended by the division.

5 9. The division shall consider immediate actions that are in the best interests of expectant
6 mothers, fathers, and children served including, but not limited to, placing the agency on a
7 corrective plan, halting new referrals, transferring cases to other performing providers, or
8 terminating the provider's contract. The division shall take steps necessary to evaluate the nature of
9 the issue and act accordingly in the most timely fashion possible.

10 10. By July 1, 2026, the division shall promulgate and have in effect rules to implement the
11 provisions of this section and, under this section, shall define implementation plans and dates. Any
12 rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority
13 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
14 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
15 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to
16 review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
17 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after
18 August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.

19 207.104. 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 207.085, private contractors who in
20 their capacities as children's services providers and agencies, as defined in section 207.100, receive
21 state moneys from the division or the department of social services for providing services to
22 expectant mothers, fathers, and children under section 207.103 shall have qualified immunity from
23 civil liability for providing such services to the same extent that the division has qualified immunity
24 from civil liability when the division or department directly provides such services.

25 2. This section shall not apply if a private contractor described in subsection 1 of this section
26 knowingly violates a stated or written policy of the division, any rule promulgated by the division,
27 or any state law directly related to the provision of services by the division.

28 207.105. The division may share any records, information, and findings with federal, state,
29 or local child welfare agency personnel and law enforcement agencies, including those from outside
30 the state, or any agent of such agencies, in the performance of the division's duties, upon a
31 reasonable belief that such information is needed to protect an expectant mother, father, or child
32 from abuse or neglect or to assist such agency in providing child welfare services. Such information
33 may include, but is not limited to:

- 34 (1) Identifying information about an expectant mother, father, or child;
- 35 (2) Family assessments;
- 36 (3) Home studies;
- 37 (4) Criminal background and child abuse or neglect reports; and

1 (5) Any other documents or information the division deems necessary for another agency to
2 have access to in order to protect an expectant mother, father, or child and to effect the policy of the
3 state provided for in section 207.103.

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5 Identifying information may be shared only if the division reasonably believes the receiving entity
6 will prevent the unauthorized dissemination of the information contained therein.

7 207.106. 1. The division shall ensure the confidentiality of all reports and records made
8 under sections 207.100 to 207.108 and maintained by the division, its local offices, the central
9 registry, and other appropriate persons, officials, and institutions under sections 207.100 to 207.108.
10 To protect the rights of expectant mothers, fathers, and children participating in the Missouri
11 adoptive resources services system, the division shall establish guidelines that will ensure that any
12 disclosure of information concerning any participant in the system is made only to persons or
13 agencies that have a right to such information. The division may require persons to make written
14 requests for access to records maintained by the division. The division shall only release
15 information to persons who have a right to such information. The division shall notify persons
16 receiving information under subdivisions (2), (7), (8), and (9) of subsection 2 of this section of the
17 purpose for which the information is released and of the penalties for unauthorized dissemination of
18 information. Such information shall be used only for the purpose for which the information is
19 released.

20 2. Only the following persons shall have access to investigation records contained in the
21 central registry:

22 (1) Appropriate federal, state, or local criminal justice agency personnel, or any agent of
23 such entity, with a need for such information under the law to protect children from abuse or
24 neglect;

25 (2) A physician or a designated agent who provides prenatal or other medical or
26 psychological care to an expectant mother, father, or child participating in the Missouri adoptive
27 resources services system;

28 (3) Appropriate staff of the division and of its local offices, including interdisciplinary teams
29 that are formed to assist the division in carrying out its duties under sections 207.100 to 207.108;

30 (4) Any child adopted under the provisions of sections 207.100 to 207.108 and chapter 453.
31 Prior to the release of any identifying information, the division shall determine if the release of such
32 identifying information may place a person's life or safety in danger. If the division makes the
33 determination that a person's life or safety may be in danger, the identifying information shall not be
34 released;

35 (5) A grand jury; juvenile officer; prosecuting attorney; law enforcement officer involved in
36 the investigation of child abuse or neglect; juvenile court or other court conducting abuse or neglect
37 or child protective proceedings or child custody proceedings; and other federal, state, and local
38 government entities, or any agent of such entity, with a need for such information in order to carry
39 out its responsibilities under the law to protect a child from abuse or neglect;

1 (6) Any person engaged in a bona fide research purpose, with the permission of the director;
 2 provided, however, that no information identifying the expectant mother, father, or child named in
 3 the records shall be made available to the researcher unless the identifying information is essential
 4 to the research or evaluation and the expectant mother, father, or child named in the records, or if the
 5 child is less than eighteen years of age, through the child's parent or guardian, provides written
 6 permission;

7 (7) Any child-placing agency, juvenile courts, or any other public or private person or
 8 agency assisting in the provision of services consistent with the provisions of sections 207.100 to
 9 207.108;

10 (8) Any state agency acting under state law regarding a license of any person, institution, or
 11 agency that provides care for or services to children;

12 (9) Any child fatality review panel established under section 210.192 or any state child
 13 fatality review panel established under section 210.195; and

14 (10) The state registrar of vital statistics, or his or her designee, but the information made
 15 available shall be limited to identifying information only for the purposes of providing birth record
 16 information under section 210.156.

17 3. Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this section, or who permits or
 18 encourages the unauthorized dissemination of information contained in the information system or
 19 the central registry and in reports and records made under sections 207.100 to 207.108, shall be
 20 guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

21 4. Nothing in this section shall preclude the release of findings or information regarding
 22 cases that resulted in a child fatality or near fatality. Such release is at the sole discretion of the
 23 director of the department of social services, based upon a review of the potential harm to other
 24 children within the immediate family.

25 5. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section or chapter to the contrary and under
 26 section 210.115, if the division receives a report of or any division personnel suspects that a child
 27 has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observes a child being subjected to conditions or
 28 circumstances that would reasonably result in abuse or neglect, that person shall immediately report
 29 to the division in accordance with the provisions of sections 210.109 to 210.183 and may release
 30 such records as would be necessary to properly investigate such allegations.

31 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 5 of this section, participation in the
 32 Missouri adoptive resources services system shall not, by itself, be grounds for suspicion of child
 33 abuse or neglect.

34 207.107. 1. The division shall create and maintain a database of expectant mothers and
 35 prospective adoptive parents who have registered with the division for participation in the system
 36 for the purposes of identifying children who may be suitable for adoption.

37 2. The division shall maintain a database of attorneys who are properly licensed and in good
 38 standing with the Missouri supreme court and who will agree to provide legal services in

1 conjunction with the adoption of children identified through the system under the provisions of
 2 sections 207.100 to 207.108.

3 3. The contents of the Missouri adoptive resources services system database created under
 4 section 207.102 shall be subject to the confidentiality requirements provided for in sections 207.105
 5 and 207.106.

6 207.108. 1. Any employee of the division, including supervisory personnel and children's
 7 services providers or agencies contracting with the division, who is involved with the provision of
 8 services under sections 207.100 to 207.108 and purposely, knowingly, and willfully violates a stated
 9 or written policy of the division, any rule promulgated by the division, or any state law directly
 10 related to the activities of the division shall be dismissed if the violation directly results in serious
 11 physical injury or death of an expectant mother, father, or child, subject to the provisions of
 12 subsection 2 of this section. Any person employed in a position described under subdivision (2) of
 13 subsection 1 of section 36.030, if any, shall have the right of appeal under sections 36.380 and
 14 36.390.

15 2. If an employee of the division or children's services providers or agencies contracting
 16 with the division purposely, knowingly, and willfully violates a stated or written policy of the
 17 division, any rule promulgated by the division, or any state law directly related to the activities of
 18 the division and the violation directly results in serious physical injury or death of a child, the
 19 employee's good faith efforts to follow the stated or written policies of the division, the rules
 20 promulgated by the division, or the state laws directly related to the activities of the division shall be
 21 a mitigating factor in determining whether an employee of the division or a private contractor with
 22 the division is dismissed under subsection 1 of this section."; and

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 24 Further amend said bill, Page 7, Section 211.221, Line 8, by inserting after all of said section and
 25 line the following:

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 27 "453.014. 1. The following persons may place a minor for adoption:

28 (1) The children's division or division of maternal and child resources of the department of
 29 social services;

30 (2) A child placing agency licensed pursuant to sections 210.481 to 210.536;

31 (3) The child's parents, without the direct or indirect assistance of an intermediary, in the
 32 home of a relative of the child within the third degree;

33 (4) An intermediary, which shall include an attorney licensed pursuant to chapter 484; a
 34 physician licensed pursuant to chapter 334; or a clergyman of the parents.

35 2. All persons granted the authority to place a minor child for adoption as designated in
 36 subdivision (1), (2) or (4) of subsection 1 of this section shall comply with the rules and regulations
 37 promulgated by the children's division of the department of social services for such placement.

38 3. The children's division of the department of social services shall promulgate rules and
 39 regulations regarding the placement of a minor for adoption.

1 4. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall become
2 effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024."; and
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4 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
5 accordingly.