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HOUSE BILL NO. 1291

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PARKER.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 210, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the provision of services to youth in the custody of the department of social services.

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 210.119, to read as follows:

210.119. 1. The department of social services shall establish a program to
2 provide a comprehensive system of service delivery, education, and residential care for
3 youth with severe behavioral challenges or severe developmental disabilities. In order
4 to be eligible for services under this program, youth shall:

5 (1) Be in the custody of the children's division;

6 (2) Be under twenty-one years of age; and

7 (3) Be determined by a team of specialized professionals within the department
8 to have needs that cannot be met by existing state programs. Such determination shall
9 include any assessment necessary to maximize resources for the youth.

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11 Youth under twenty-one years of age who are subject to a voluntary placement
12 agreement may access this program if they meet the qualifications of this subsection and
13 resources are available to provide services for such youth.

14 2. The department shall be authorized to enter into any contracts necessary to
15 implement this program, including contracts for program operations with a qualified
16 service provider or consortium of qualified service providers. Qualified service
17 providers shall be licensed or accredited in their respective fields of service, based in this

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.

18 state, and not-for-profit entities with a record of success in the areas for which they shall
19 provide services, as well as meet any additional requirements set by the department
20 designed to meet the best interests of the children they serve.

21 3. The department shall be authorized to enter into memoranda of
22 understanding with any facility or campus under state ownership that is appropriate
23 for the program and the youth being served. Such facilities shall include, but shall not
24 be limited to, facilities owned and operated by the division of youth services or the
25 department of mental health. The division of youth services and the department of
26 mental health shall make available such facilities to the department of social services
27 when such facilities are appropriate, under-utilized, or vacant.

28 4. The provisions of section 210.114 shall apply to qualified service providers
29 providing services to youth under this section.

30 5. The department may promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary
31 to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
32 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section
33 shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of
34 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are
35 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to
36 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
37 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
38 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2025, shall be invalid and void.

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