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Founded in 1901, Empower Missouri advocates for the well-being of Missourians through civic leadership, education, and research. As part of our work, we organize a statewide Community Justice Coalition with the goal of decreasing recidivism, decreasing the prison population, and decreasing Missouri's criminal justice costs all while ensuring our communities are safe. Many coalition members are formerly incarcerated or have currently incarcerated loved ones, and all are connected by a vision for a future without mass incarceration. We support Representative Dolan's HB 736, which makes critical updates to language regarding the age at which juveniles can remain within the Division of Youth Services. After passing legislation in 2018 to raise the age that juveniles are considered adults from 17 to 18, multiple revisions to state statutes have been necessary to update this language across the board. Representative Dolan's bill addresses key provisions that have not yet been updated. We encourage a 'yes' vote on this bill that makes these necessary updates to help ensure the intent of the 2018 raise the age legislation is fully realized.



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