



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: AARON MOYER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: CHAD PUCKETT		PHONE NUMBER: 660-221-9028
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN CHILD CARE AGENCIES		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ADDRESS: 24302 MOHIN ROAD		
CITY: LAMONTE		STATE: MO
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WITNESS NAME: GRACEE BRODERSEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: MICHAELA NEWELL		PHONE NUMBER: 402-990-6567
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN CHILDCARE AGENCIES		TITLE: MEMBER
ADDRESS: 1310 EDGEWOOD DRIVE		
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO
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REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: TIMOTHY FABER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-480-2704	
REPRESENTING: ISSACHAR.LLC		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 292 FAITH BLVD.			
CITY: GRAVOIS MILLS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65037
EMAIL: timothy@issachar.llc	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2026 10:51 PM	
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF		PHONE NUMBER:	
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: ASHLEA BELCHER		PHONE NUMBER: 417-623-2292
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CHILDREN'S CENTER OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ADDRESS: 1029 E, 7TH STREET		
CITY: JOPLIN		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 64801
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WITNESS NAME: EMILY VAN SCHENKHOF		PHONE NUMBER: 573-751-9309	
REPRESENTING: CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 301 W HIGH STREET			
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WITNESS NAME: JESSICA SEITZ		PHONE NUMBER: 573-415-6228
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI NETWORK AGAINST CHILD ABUSE		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ADDRESS: 520 DIX RD, SUITE C		
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO
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WITNESS NAME: ROBYN SCHELP		PHONE NUMBER: 660-441-3260	
REPRESENTING: KIDS WIN MISSOURI		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 3909 SHERMAN CT			
CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65203
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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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HB 2241 replaces state licensure of certain children’s homes with a private “qualified association” registration regime. That shift is legally unstable.

1. Unconstitutional Private Delegation

The bill allows a nongovernmental “qualified association” to function as the operative gatekeeper “in lieu of” state licensure. That is a delegation of core police-power authority (child protection, licensing eligibility, standards enforcement) to a private entity.

Missouri cannot outsource regulatory authority over child safety to a private body without clear, controlling statutory standards and direct state supervision. This invites:

- Nondelegation challenges
- Procedural due process claims
- Arbitrary enforcement exposure

Child protection is not a trade-association function.

2. Federal Foster Care Compliance Risk (Title IV-E)

Federal foster-care reimbursement depends on children being placed in homes licensed or approved by the State under state standards.

Creating a parallel “association registration” pathway — especially if used for foster placements — creates a compliance vulnerability.

If federal auditors determine the State ceded its approval authority, Missouri risks:

- Federal reimbursement disallowances
- Repayment liability
- Loss of IV-E eligibility

This is not a theoretical risk. It is an audit trigger.

3. Religious Preference / Structural Bias Exposure

The statute structurally centers faith-based agencies in the regulatory ecosystem (board composition,

recommendation channels, and governance posture).

Even if participation is open in theory, the architecture risks:

Establishment Clause challenges

Claims of denominational preference

Equal protection arguments if similarly situated non-faith entities are treated differently in practice

When child placement authority intersects with religious structuring, scrutiny increases.

4. Liability Expansion Through Conflicted Review

The “Child Protection Board” is empowered to independently review substantiated abuse findings and recommend action affecting registration.

That creates:

Second-guessing of Children’s Division determinations

Litigation arguments that the State diluted protective findings

Increased exposure in wrongful death/injury suits

If harm occurs, plaintiffs will argue the State weakened its own licensing safeguards.

Bottom Line

HB 2241:

Transfers child-safety gatekeeping to a private entity

Creates federal funding risk

Invites constitutional litigation

Expands state liability exposure

If the General Assembly wishes to reform licensing, it must retain direct state regulatory control, uniform standards, and clear statutory guardrails.

Child protection cannot operate on a parallel, privately managed track.