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Children are our greatest assets as a community, and all provisions must be in place to secure their safety. Parents should be able to trust the staff of camps and other “getaways” have proper safety training and follow protocols.



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**We must protect our children by providing minimum safety standards for entities that offer to take minor children into their custody.
By setting a minimum requirements, needless injuries and deaths can be avoided.**



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I am in Support of this Bill. This Legislation is Smart State Government with Required Inspections, Plans and Safety of all State Camps.



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I support these safety measures being put in place to protect children.



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This feels like a common sense bill to protect children. If we've learned anything over the last few years shouldn't it be the importance of protecting our kids? Both sides claim to want it. Prove it.



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I am asking as a bereaved mother and the mother to a child who has attended summer camp, to support stronger camp safety protections.
Parents should feel safe and assured that their child will be protected and cared for by camp staff.
Parents have so much to worry about and ensuring safety should be of the highest importance.
Please support this bill from a bereaved parent who knows how painful it is to lose a child.



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Our children deserve the same protection they get at school while they are in summer camp. Please vote yes on this bill.



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I, Chantelle Jones wholeheartedly support establishing safety standards for summer camps in Missouri because protecting our children is not optional it is our moral responsibility.

When parents send their children to camp, they are placing their trust in adults and institutions to keep them safe. That trust must be honored with action. Background checks for camp counselors, CPR certification, and a clearly defined emergency action plan are not luxuries they are basic safeguards that every child deserves.

It is deeply concerning that Missouri currently has no statewide laws regulating summer camp safety. Our children should never be left vulnerable due to gaps in policy. We must be proactive, not reactive.

As a community, we have a duty to create safe spaces where children can learn, grow, and thrive without unnecessary risk. Their safety must always come first.



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Those that work with children so closely should be professionally vetted based on established and trusted best practices set by experts and medical professionals.



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I believe that this and other bills similar to them are important to the safety and wellness of the children in the State of Missouri. Even Arkansas and Illinois have regulations and licensure that is required by summer camps in their states.



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Please pass this bill. This one ACTUALLY protects kids.



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Please protect our children



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Thank you for bringing this important bill to the floor. The terrible tragedy is that it has not been done years ago. My dear friend Olga Mister lost her beautiful sone TJ due to lack of instituted regulations and safety precautions. She has during the most incredibly painful time tried to bring a similar bill to come to fruition. She has taken her precious grieving time to fight so that no other parents should feel this devastating life altering pain. The fact that this happened in TX is just awful and excruciating for all involved and what is so hard to comprehend is that until a mass tragedy no one in Missouri took this seriously. Our kids are the future and we need to protect them at all costs. I urge everyone who can make a difference to choose regulations to protect our kids. I believe most parents assume camps are regulated I know I did! Please remember TJ and put his name in this bill so that his legacy can shine. He paid the ultimate price for what adults never took seriously. Along with the beautiful girls in TX who lost their futures also due to lack of compassion and caring for our youth. Please keep them all alive by honoring them for paying the ultimate price by passing this bill and please do not forget TJs bill and the work his diligent mom did in his name.



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I live 1,800 miles from Missouri. But, on July 20, 2022, I felt as if I were at the Kennedy Recreation Center in St. Louis where a summer camp annihilated a future as bright as the sun. A 6-year-old boy named TJ Mister, Jr. took his last breaths at the bottom of a summer camp swimming pool due to unconscionable acts of the operation and the deplorable inertia of the state.

Roughly three years and one month earlier, I stood at the foot of a hospital gurney upon which my 6-year-old daughter Roxie was lying with her eyes stuck half open, pupils black, hair stiff as straw, skin bloated and blue. Roxie had just taken her last breaths at the bottom of a Los Angeles summer camp swimming pool under circumstance too egregious to enumerate.

My life as I knew and loved it also ended that day. As did my wife Elena's. In fact, Elena eventually died of a broken body and will. Months later, so too did my mother, Roxie's beloved grandmother, who left this earth devastated by Roxie's death.

TJ Jr. and Roxie share the abominable sentence of death due to the incomprehensible reality that America does not properly protect 25 million children at 25 thousand summer camps within the \$25 billion summer camp industry.

I was shocked to uncover the fact that California, of all places, neither licensed its summer camps nor required any meaningful, practical, enforceable oversight. Every Missourian should be equally shocked, because the "Show-Me State" had not done a damn thing to show its wonderful families that the barbaric child sex crimes committed by Branson's Kanakuk Kamp would be a clarion call to reign in camps with similarly substantive safety measures. Missouri stood silent. More preventable harm occurred at its camps.

For states that claim to protect families and children at all costs, shame on California, shame on Missouri and shame on the 56% of states overall that do not even license these child care operations with greater risk. After all, how can these states license and mandate safety protocols at day care operations with fingerpainting and singalongs while failing to enact any such protocols at camps where 8-year-olds shoot live ammunition from semi-automatic rifles, zip-line over valleys and jump into murky waters.

Make no mistake, I support a summer camp experience. I support children taking risks. However, I do not support risk-taking at summer camps bereft of even the most fundamental precautions that our

most precious cargo deserves.

TJ Jr's mother Olga and father Travone, whom I now know very well, embarked upon the 130-mile trip from St. Louis to Jefferson City on multiple occasions while enduring unfathomable grief. They pleaded with lawmakers to do the right thing. Yet, St. Louis lawmakers did the wrong thing, which is the convenient thing, which is to ignore this public safety concern.

I know a thing or two about this willful ignorance. I operate the sole camp safety foundation in the nation. I have traversed 20 states to engage victims and stakeholders about this issue for a feature documentary and for the purposes of passing camp safety legislation with teeth. I have researched every state's camp safety regulations... or lack thereof. My foundation is currently developing the nation's most comprehensive compendium of Universal Best Practices for camps, a long-overdue alternative to the severely deficient offerings from the American Camp Association, which is little more than a camp lobby group.

I filmed in Texas in 2022. I met with camp owners, met with a legislator at the state capital and met other safety advocates. I also convened with two families whose children drowned at Texas camps and a mother whose child was sexually assaulted at a popular legacy camp. Three years later, I was tragically not surprised when Camp Mystic suffered the horrific and wholly avoidable deaths of 24 beautiful girls. That's because Texas camp regulations are meager, Texas camp owners commandeer the Texas Camp Advisory Committee and regulations are hardly enforced, let alone riddled by inexplicable religious exemptions.

In all of my research, I have not once witnessed how a faith-based camp is safer than its counterparts. While I believe that camps have the absolute right to structure their programming based on their belief systems, I do know that sexual and physical harm at camps occurs equally if not more so at faith-based operations. Again, how is it that Branson's evangelical Kanakuk Kamp caused grave and even fatal child harm for decades while exempt from punishment?

HB 3142 (Parker) is a decent conversation-starter but inadequate as it stands. The bill focuses on Emergency RESPONSE. Yet, I implore you to understand that "safety first" is more important than response later. In other words, we must add the following to this bill:

- Licensing requirements should be enforced through more scalable, logical means;
- Camps must have a health supervisor and or Telehealth plan because emergencies/accidents often involve harm that must be treated. Not a single person at a Missouri camp currently needs to know basic CPR, which leads me to...
- 20% of staff must be certified in CPR/AED and First Aid;
- Staff operating specialized high-risk activities (gun ranges, zip lines, aquatics, etc.) must be trained and certified in those activities;
- One unannounced inspection of all camp operations per year during camp season;
- Background and reference checks are critical for helping to prevent widespread child sexual abuse at camps nationwide, but that is not enough, therefore...
- Camps need mandated reporter training;
- And finally, instead of this bill focusing solely on Emergency Response, it should focus on proactive safety training to avoid emergencies altogether

I support this measure but only as a means to build a better bridge toward more comprehensive camp safety requirements. Missouri has the opportunity to do what is right, not convenient, for hundreds of thousands of children attending these summer camps each year. Camps will claim that it is too costly to enforce safety protocols. St. Louis County taxpayers paid the Misters \$8 million for TJ's preventable death at a county camp. Camps and the state need to understand that a much smaller investment in proactive safety will only help protect the industry from its own irreversible harm.

Warmly, Doug Forbes
President of Meow Meow Foundation



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I support common sense protections for our children in Missouri at summer camps.



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Chairman Christ and Members of the Emerging Issues Committee,

Please vote Do Pass on HB 3142. The tragic death of children at Camp Mystic in Texas in July, 2025, due to flooding show why some of the safety provisions in this bill are a good idea. I also have always supported sensible adult-child ratios in school and child care settings, so this clearly would carry over to camp settings.

I grew up attending a church camp that was named for my Grandfather's brother, so I am sensitive to separation of church and state issues. I do not see the commonsense provisions of this bill to be a violation of religious freedom.



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I support keeping our children safe and ensuring that everyone they come into contact with has a background check



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Dear House Emerging Issues Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Missouri HB 3142 and urge immediate legislative action. I commend Representative Cameron Parker for introducing this critical, life-saving measure. Missouri's children deserve consistent protection—whether they are in schools, day care facilities, or youth camps. Safety standards that shield our children during the academic year must also extend to summer programs, particularly overnight camps.

As a parent of Virginia Hollis (8), one of the Heaven's 27 who all needlessly died while at Camp Mystic on July 4, 2025, and as a native and proud Missourian, I feel a deep responsibility to ensure that no family in Missouri ever experiences such a loss.

In Texas, the legislature responded in September 2025 by passing Senate Bill 1 Heaven's 27 Camp Safety Act & House Bill 1 Youth Camp Alert, Mitigation, Preparedness, and Emergency Response (Youth CAMPER) Act, which established comprehensive safety and emergency planning standards for youth camps. Missouri now has the opportunity—and obligation—to use that example by passing similar legislation relevant to Missouri. Join Texas, Alabama, and Maryland on prioritizing and modernizing how we protect kids at summer camps in America.

With summer 2026 fast approaching, I urge the Committee to act decisively and without delay to enact HB 3142. Let us lead by ensuring that all Missouri children are protected by common-sense, uniform safety measures, wherever they spend their summers.

Please take this step now to prevent another needless death or injury and safeguard Missouri's most precious resource—our children.

Respectfully,

Larins Hollis



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA ZINK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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All camp counselors should be background checked and be CPR and first aid certified. All camps should have emergency response plans for weather, active shooter and other emergencies and the counselors should be trained in this plans



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As a former Girl Scout leader, there are fully developed guidelines for camp safety and protocols to follow in case of emergency.

ALL children at any css as mo in Missouri deserve that same level of safety. I'm shocked that such tikes still aren't part of Missouri's laws already. HIGH time to make them legal!



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WITNESS NAME: MERRIE LUTHER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-821-1007	
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Children need to be kept safe in all care facilities. Camps should meet standards similar to daycares, preschools, and schools.



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WITNESS NAME: OLGA MISTER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-277-7387
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This bill is about camp safety. Protecting children should never be political — it should be a priority. While this effort is being discussed in honor of Camp Mystic in Texas, we must not forget that families here in Missouri have been fighting for this long before.

Our TJ lost his life in July 2022 — four years before the tragedy in Texas. Since then, our family and TJ's Story have worked tirelessly to raise awareness and push for stronger safety protections so no other child is lost.

. Honor all the children we've lost.

This is about coming together, not competing tragedies. Every child matters. Every story matters.



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I support HB 3142 because parents deserve confidence that summer and day camps operating in Missouri meet clear safety, staffing, and emergency preparedness standards. Protecting children is one of the most appropriate and fundamental roles of state government.

At the same time, I believe strongly that safety protections must apply to all children. Camps serve diverse families, including LGBTQ youth, and those children deserve to feel safe, respected, and supported as well. Good safety policy should never become a vehicle for exclusion.

HB 3142 appears focused on inspections, staffing ratios, and emergency planning — practical safeguards that reduce risk and improve accountability. I support those goals and encourage lawmakers to ensure that implementation of this bill protects the dignity and well-being of every camper.

For these reasons, I respectfully support HB 3142.



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I support safety protocols that keep summer camp safe.



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All measures should be taken to make sure our children are safe.



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Children's safety and well being should be the priority at any camp.



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I believe children deserve background checks and basic safety measures while at camp.



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WITNESS NAME: CHARLES JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER: 417-827-8059	
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On behalf of the 245 agencies and 3500+ members of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association, I wish to testify in opposition of HB 3142.

The proposed changes and requirement of licensure of summer camps would greatly reduce the availability of dependable and affordable child care for working Missourians. This would remove any level of local control from the elected/appointed officials in each community across the state. The requirement of licensure and ability of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate the rules, we fear, would result in overreach from the state level which already is skewed to favor educational facilities and religious camps over community organizations. For example, a before/after school program offered by a school district, regardless of location of service, is exempt from licensure while a community organization providing the same services in a community recreation center are required to meet impossible facility standards set forth by DESE. These standards would not be met by the school districts but, by virtue of being a school district, are exempt. We fear this bill would open summer camps up to the same unlevel playing field tilted in the favor of school districts under the prevue of DESE.

Summer Day Camps often offered by municipal parks and recreation departments, already governed by an elected or appointed body, operate very differently than residential (overnight) camps and day cares. We strongly feel it is imperative to provide distinct and separate definitions of these programs and not lump them all into once category. We may all offer child care, but in drastically different manners.

Speaking for parks and recreation programs, the rules and regulations for summer camps are approved and enforced at a local level by elected or appointed governing bodies. These rules are tailored to fit the community they serve and is not a one size fits all unfunded mandate from the state down. Missouri is very diverse and what is needed/works in one area of the state would be considered a barrier in another.

Missouri Park and Recreation Association is working with our members and other camp organizations to create a baseline set of standards and enhancements communities can pledge to or adopt through their park board. This option would allow community leaders to recognize what levels of service are need to ensure their programs are operated at a safe and enjoyable level while still having the flexibility to maintain local control.



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I have worked and volunteered at multiple summer camps for many years. While the summer camps are incredibly beneficial to the children who attend there, the requirement to have a license from the department of Education is completely unnecessary, considering other camps do not require the same. The only "formal education" that is done there is swimming lessons, which were overseen my trained lifeguards.



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HB 3142 rewrites Missouri’s licensure and enforcement scheme for child care facilities, summer camps, and day camps; creates a new emergency-plan regime; and continues geographically and population-bracketed authorization for a limited number of adult high schools. The bill’s principal constitutional vulnerabilities are structural: special-law classification, delegation of coercive power to agencies through rulemaking, and due process defects when licenses are denied, suspended, or functionally terminated.

1. Special Law / Closed-Class Design
 (Mo. Const. art. III, §40)

Section 160.2705 authorizes only five adult high schools, each tied to narrow county classifications and population bands, including “contiguous county” alternatives, and limits each location to one authorized organization. This is a paradigmatic special-law problem: a statute drafted in facially general terms that can operate as a closed class targeting identifiable jurisdictions or entities. The constitutional question is not whether the program is beneficial, but whether the classifications are open, non-arbitrary, and substantially related to the stated purpose. HB 3142’s geographic and numeric constraints invite direct scrutiny under Article III, §40.

2. Delegation Through Rulemaking Where Licensure Turns on Rule Compliance
 (Mo. Const. art. II, §1)

The bill makes licensure and renewal contingent on compliance with extensive obligations that are materially defined “by rule,” including camper-to-counselor ratios, emergency plan content, equipment mandates, monitoring requirements, and training standards. When an agency’s rules become the operative source of duties whose violation triggers denial, suspension, closure, civil penalties, or criminal exposure, the legislature must supply clear statutory standards. HB 3142 places the regulatory center of gravity in rules while tying those rules to coercive licensing consequences, creating foreseeable separation-of-powers and nondelegation litigation.

3. Embedded Structural Instability: Chapter 536 Nonseverability Clauses
 (Mo. Const. art. II, §1)

The bill repeatedly conditions rulemaking validity on the continued constitutionality of legislative rule review under Chapter 536, declaring rulemaking authority nonseverable if legislative review powers are invalidated. This is not a minor drafting feature; it is a deliberate design that makes the regulatory scheme self-destruct upon a separation-of-powers ruling in an adjacent case. Courts will treat this as a material feature of the statute’s architecture because it threatens continuity of enforcement authority and regulated-party obligations.

**4. Due Process: Suspension, Closure, and Enforcement Triggered by Rule-Defined Standards
(Mo. Const. art. I, §10; U.S. Const. amend. XIV)**

HB 3142 authorizes immediate suspension upon a departmental finding of “imminent bodily harm,” followed by compressed internal proceedings and later review. Due process analysis turns on whether the regulated party has: (i) adequate notice of the standard being applied; (ii) a meaningful opportunity to contest the factual basis; and (iii) clear, objective criteria governing the decision. When the operative compliance duties are primarily supplied by rule, the constitutional pressure point is whether the regime provides sufficiently definite, knowable standards to justify rapid deprivation of a license and business operations.

5. Differential Treatment and Exemptions

(Mo. Const. art. I, §2; U.S. Const. amend. XIV; Religion: Mo. Const. art. I, §§5–6; U.S. Const. amend. I)

The bill maintains and adjusts exemptions for certain educational and religious programs while expanding licensure duties for camps and other providers. The issue is not whether exemptions may exist, but whether the line-drawing produces unequal regulatory burdens among similarly situated providers without a coherent, consistently administered justification.

Conclusion

HB 3142 is not a narrow regulatory update; it is a structural redesign. Its litigation exposure is concentrated in: (1) special-law/closed-class authorization of adult high schools; (2) delegation of licensure-controlling duties to rulemaking; (3) repeated nonseverability clauses that destabilize enforcement authority; and (4) due process risks where suspension and closure operate on rule-defined standards. These are foreseeable focal points for judicial review in any challenge arising from authorization decisions, licensure denial, suspension, enforcement actions, or emergency-plan compliance disputes.

When licensure is conditioned on rules, and rules are conditioned on legislative veto architecture, the regulated community is left with moving targets. Constitutional durability requires fixed statutory lines where coercive power begins.



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The Missouri AfterSchool Network opposes HB 3142 as written.

Rather than adding the “Camp Emergency Response Act” as 210.214 in the child care licensing laws (210.201-210.278), this should instead be added within the residential care section (210.481-210.535).

- 1) DSS already has jurisdiction over residential camps: Since 2021 and the passage of HB 557, license-exempt, residential summer camps have been required to register with DSS and complete background checks.
- 2) Residential camps are not child care and should not be regulated through child care licensing.

Child care licensing is for programs that provide services fewer than 24 hours per day in a non-residential setting.

Residential care licensing is for entities that provide services 24 hours per day in a residential setting.

- 3) DSS has expertise, resources, and existing rules (13 CSR 35-71) for residential providers including background checks, building/grounds, swimming, etc. that are appropriate for residential summer camps; whereas, DESE-OOC has existing rules and resources in early childhood and child care and would have to create new rules in an area outside of their expertise.

The term “camp” is used in both child care licensing and residential licensing. Child care laws distinguish between “summer camp” and “day camp” (210.211) because child care-focused camps are often held during the school year when schools close for teacher workdays, spring break, holidays, etc. The residential use of “camp” (210.516) does not distinguish between overnight camps taking place in the summer from overnight camps taking place during the school year, such week-long, residential spring break camps.

The Missouri AfterSchool Network recommends moving the “Camp Emergency Response Act” to the residential care section (210.481-210.535).



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While I certainly agree that all summer camps and day camps should have various safety protocols as described in this bill, I also have some serious concerns about what this bill will do.

Putting summer camps and day camps under the purview of DESE is absolutely not acceptable. I spoke with Rep. Parker about this last week... While it is true that youth and children will learn things at camp, they are typically not things that would be the responsibility of DESE to oversee. Every year I work with church camps. The kids learn the Bible, they learn about missions. They learn about Jesus, and they learn about loving their neighbor. None of these things belong under DESE's supervision...in fact, DESE wouldn't know how to evaluate such teachings....How could they? Afterall, as a Baptist, my evaluation of a Catholic camp would not be appropriate and I wouldn't want a Catholic evaluating what is taught in a Baptist camp.

Bringing DESE into a position of licensing church camps would be a violation of the first amendment guarantee of Religious Freedom. When we read line 94 on p6 "Nothing...shall prevent the department (DESE) from promulgating rules or regulations relating to supervision requirements and capacity limitations for summer camps or day camps, what we are reading is a government agency regulating religion.

Now, DESE has rules for supervision in our elementary and secondary schools, and those rules may or may not be appropriate for the church camp context. But what is absolutely inappropriate is that DESE would be telling a religious entity what kind of requirements must be met for supervision.

Then moving into Section 210.214 (middle of p6) we see such things as "flood plain", "emergency plan", "fire", "emergency warning system", "emergency preparedness coordinator" and other terms that deal with events that, though real and troublesome, are nonetheless very rare. But DESE is not designed to deal with these issues, if assigned these tasks would take their attention and resources away from the task of overseeing the education provided in public schools. These tasks would be much better assigned to the State Emergency Management Agency, which is already designed to deal with emergencies and help others prepare for emergencies.

In Section 210.221 (p11) we see that DESE is being given the power to grant licenses for summer camps and day camps "if satisfied as to the good character and intent of the applicant and that such applicant is qualified and equipped to render care or service conducive to the welfare of children"....How can this possibly constitutional????

What this is saying is that if a day camp or summer camp operated by a religious entity is teaching biblical ethics regarding sex and marriage, and an elected bureaucrat from DESE thinks that is not conducive to the welfare of a child they can deny the license and shut down the camp. In paragraph 2 (lines 10-17) of page 11 we see that DESE is also charged with inspecting the books and records, and examining the officers and agents of summer camps and day camps. This is because summer camps

and day camps have been pulled from the list of exemptions in 210.211 (p4) and added to all these other parts of statute. There is no reason for this, it is a violation of religious liberty, and such behavior by DESE absolutely will not be tolerated! It would be best to save the state from such embarrassment and cost.

Back to p11 – everything there is also unacceptable for religious camps – (lines 26-28) to demand access to all records? No. To tell us what kind of records must be kept? No.

So someone may point out that a church camp does not need to be licensed – and currently that is true. But this bill would require church camps to be licensed. 210.211 (on page3f) clearly states: It shall be unlawful . . . for any person or organization to establish, maintain, or operate a summer camp or day camp for children . . . without having in effect a written license granted by DESE.

Forcing church camps to be licensed by the state in any capacity is a violation of religious liberty. Forcing them to be licensed by DESE is plain stupid.

Having all camps – religious or otherwise – develop a safety and emergency plan approved by the State Emergency Management Agency, that deals only with response to outside or uncontrollable events and in no way infringes on the operations of the camp under normal circumstances, would be acceptable and in fact I believe most, if not all, church camps would be very supportive of such an idea.



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Great Rivers Council of Scouting America appreciates the opportunity to provide informational testimony on the introduced version of HB 3142. It is our belief the legislation is intended to address critical issues of concern for the safety of youth and, as such, appreciate the thoughtful engagement of the bill's sponsor.

Great Rivers Council operates a summer camp located in Laurie, Missouri. Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation is a 405- acre property situated on the Lake of the Ozarks. In 2025, our Camp Hohn located within the Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation drew its largest crowd in its sixty-year history, attracting youth from across Missouri and eleven other states.

Youth safety is a pre-eminent concern for our Council in the operation of Camp Hohn and we are pleased to report that we continuously review operational plans aimed at providing safeguards for youth.

As a unit of the national Scouting America organization (formerly known as Boy Scouts of America) we have invested nearly five million dollars over the past ten years to improve offerings and best practice observations at Camp Hohn. We recently broke ground on a new \$650,000 restroom modernization project to improve health and safety operations for both the young boys - and now girls - that participate in the Scouting program. Additionally, Great Rivers Council is currently collaborating with the State Emergency Management Agency and the Camden County EMS leadership to develop a plan to upgrade emergency alert warning notification equipment within Camp Hohn. Safety remains at the forefront of our operational concerns as we meet the evolving needs of our youth population.

In 2025, our Council had more than 1,000 adult volunteers that support our efforts across 33 Missouri counties. Additionally, 100% of our registered adult volunteers - who undergo background checks - completed mandatory youth protection training aimed at instilling best practices for operational safety. Key principles within this training include quality assurance efforts aimed at maintaining two-deep adult leadership, proscribed ratios of male-to-male and female-to-female adult supervision to ensure safe Scouting practices.

In its current form, the legislation gives our organization pause for concern, as it is drafted with an underlying assumption that all operating youth camps are organized and structured in the same manner. Ours is an organization of volunteers. Unlike many large-scale corporatized camps, Scouting

camps rely on the work and supervision of parents and volunteers. Camp staff employees are relative few in number. In its current form, this legislation has the potential for inadvertently shuttering numerous camps that don't operate in the same fashion as a large corporate camp with numerous facilities. While we do not believe this is the intent, we raise this issue to demonstrate our willingness to engage and work alongside the sponsor and other legislators to help improve and tailor the bill to meet its intended purpose. We are appreciative of the inclusion of improved emergency response standards as proposed in this bill. Currently, our Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation camp undergoes a rigorous annual inspection process ensuring that we comply with Scouting America National Camp Accreditation Program standards. In its current form, these standards comprise 390 pages of regulatory directives that we must follow to operate our camp. Additionally, other nationally-recognized camp accreditation programs exist to ensure safe and effective camp operations. Additionally, national Scouting standards require registered adult leaders that provide direct interaction with Scouts to complete hazardous weather training.

While we agree that camps should operate with a safety-minded culture, we remain concerned that the current draft provides sweeping regulatory authority to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish licensing requirements - including over operative issues for which they have no expertise or knowledge - that, without specific legislative guidance, will become onerous and establish unfunded mandates that could cripple camps operated by Scouting and other organizations across Missouri.



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HB 3142

Sponsor: Representative Cameron Parker

Greetings and thanks for this opportunity to testify on HB 3142

My name is Mavis Dey. I am a registered lobbyist for Missouri Families for Home Education.

HB 3142, at first glance, seemingly does not have much to do with home education, but I want to point out that there ARE a few portions of it that could pose serious consequences for homeschool families.

On page 3, at the bottom, it talks about requiring written licenses to be granted by the dept of elementary and secondary education. Then, there follows a list of 18 exceptions, including:

Item (9) Any home school

And item (18) any FPE school

While we appreciate the intent to exempt families who homeschool and to exempt Family Paced Education schools, the reality is that all the rules and regulations of this bill, including promulgated rules, could create a nightmare for families who join together to create learning activities. How will this legislation affect co-ops, theater productions, outdoor classes, music or PE activities – or innumerable other examples of group learning. My own 6 children were actively involved in various group “day camp” type opportunities during their homeschool years. It would be wrong for the state to require that our teen club or our homeschool orchestra which happen outside the regular home school location should have to register with DESE.

It is just NOT realistic to try to exempt some groups from being controlled by state entities while controlling and regulating and penalizing other groups. It is a situation that undoubtedly creates ambiguity and uncertainty and legal challenges.

FHE has a couple of suggestions to correct the problems that HB 3142 could stir up.

1) The first is to NOT cross out exemption # (4) on Page 4. Which is: “Any summer or day camp that is conducted in good faith primarily to provide recreation”. Leave that exemption alone.

2) The second would be to change #(9) “any home school” to “Any home school or several home schools operating together.”

Similar wording should also be used for #(18) “any FPE schools” so it will read “Any FPE schools or several FPE schools operating together.”

Submitted by Mavis Dey, lobbyist for MO Families for Home Education



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Ozark Trails Council of Scouting America appreciates the opportunity to provide informational testimony on the introduced version of HB 3142. We recognize that the legislation is intended to address critical issues surrounding youth safety, and we are grateful for the thoughtful engagement of the bill’s sponsor in pursuing that goal.

Ozark Trails Council operates Camp Arrowhead, a long-standing summer camp located near Marshfield, Missouri. This 450-acre property has served generations of young people across southwest Missouri. In 2025, Camp Arrowhead experienced one of its strongest summer seasons in recent history, welcoming Scouts and leaders from throughout Missouri and several neighboring states.

Youth safety is the highest priority in our operation of Camp Arrowhead. We continually review and strengthen our policies, procedures, and emergency response plans to ensure a safe environment for every participant.

As a local council of Scouting America, we have made significant investments over the past decade to enhance camp facilities, expand program offerings, and align with national best practices. Most recently, we completed substantial renovations to modernize restroom and shower facilities, improving health and safety standards for all youth participants. We are also working in partnership with local emergency management officials to strengthen emergency alert and communication systems throughout the camp property. Safety remains at the forefront of our operational priorities as we adapt to the evolving needs of the youth we serve.

Last year, our Council was supported by more than 1,500 registered adult volunteers across 31 counties. Every registered adult volunteer undergoes a background check and must complete mandatory Safeguarding Youth Training. This training includes strict adherence to two-deep leadership requirements and same-gender supervision guidelines, reinforcing safe Scouting practices at all times.

While we support the bill’s intent, the current draft gives us pause because it appears to assume all youth camps operate under a uniform structural and staffing model. Scouting camps are uniquely volunteer-driven. Unlike large commercial or corporatized camps with extensive paid staff and centralized administrative infrastructure, Scouting operations rely heavily on parent volunteers, with paid seasonal staff representing only a portion of camp leadership. As drafted, the bill could unintentionally create operational hardships, or even force closure, for volunteer-based camps that do not mirror the structure of larger commercial facilities. We do not believe this is the sponsor’s intent,

but we raise this concern to underscore the importance of refining the language to prevent unintended consequences.

We appreciate the legislation's focus on emergency preparedness. Camp Arrowhead participates in the Scouting America National Camp Accreditation Program, which requires a rigorous annual inspection and compliance with nearly 400 pages of standards governing safe and effective camp operations. In addition, national Scouting standards mandate hazardous weather training and other safety certifications for adult leaders working directly with youth.

Although we share the belief that youth camps must operate with a strong culture of safety, we are concerned that the bill, in its current form, grants broad regulatory authority to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish licensing requirements, potentially in areas outside the department's subject-matter expertise. Without clear legislative parameters, such authority could result in burdensome regulations or unfunded mandates that significantly impact camps operated by Scouting and other community-based organizations across Missouri.

Ozark Trails Council remains fully committed to protecting every young person entrusted to our care. We stand ready to work collaboratively with lawmakers to ensure that final legislation strengthens youth safety while preserving access to the life-changing experiences provided by camps like Camp Arrowhead.