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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# SENATE BILL NO. 47

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 453.072, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to subsidized legal guardianship of a child.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 453.072, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 453.072, to read as follows:

453.072. 1. Any subsidies available to adoptive parents pursuant to  
2 section 453.073 and section 453.074 shall also be available to a qualified relative  
3 of a child **or a qualified close nonrelated person** who is granted legal  
4 guardianship of the child in the same manner as such subsidies are available for  
5 adoptive parents.

6 2. As used in this section:

7 (1) "Relative" means any grandparent, aunt, uncle, adult sibling of the  
8 child or adult first cousin of the child, **or any other person related to the**  
9 **child by blood or affinity;**

10 (2) "Close nonrelated person" means any nonrelated person  
11 whose life is so intermingled with the child such that the relationship  
12 is similar to a family relationship.

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