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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1111

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, March 14, 2002, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 208.631, RSMo, relating to medical assistance, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Section 208.631, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 208.454 and 208.631, to read as follows:

208.454. The Medicaid reimbursement rate for a particular service shall be increased to a level equal to the Medicare reimbursement rate for such service. Such rates shall be adjusted every year based on the Medicare Economic Index.

208.631. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of social services shall establish a program to pay for health care for uninsured children. Coverage pursuant to sections 208.631 to 208.660 is subject to appropriation. The provisions of sections 208.631 to 208.657 shall be void and of no effect after July 1, [2002] **2007**.

2. For the purposes of sections 208.631 to 208.657, "children" are persons up to nineteen years of age. "Uninsured children" are persons up to nineteen years of age who have not had access to employer-subsidized health care insurance or other health care coverage for six months prior to application, are residents of the state of Missouri, and have parents or guardians who meet the requirements in section 208.636. A child who is eligible for medical assistance as authorized in section 208.151, is not uninsured for the purposes of sections 208.631 to 208.657.

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EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.