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AN ACT

To repeal section 630.605, RSMo, relating to mental health, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Section 630.605, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 630.605, to read as follows:

630.605. **1.** The department shall establish a placement program for persons affected by a mental disorder, mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disability or alcohol or drug abuse. The department may utilize residential facilities, day programs and specialized services which are designed to maintain a person who is accepted in the placement program in the least restrictive environment in accordance with the person's individualized treatment, habilitation or rehabilitation plan. The department shall license, certify and fund, subject to appropriations, a continuum of facilities, programs and services short of admission to a department facility to accomplish this purpose.

2. The department of social services or the court may refer children to the department of mental health for assessment. If such assessment indicated that the child referred is affected by a mental disorder, mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disability, or alcohol or drug abuse, the department shall not refuse residential treatment services to such child.