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AN ACT

To repeal sections 28.160, 135.327, 193.125, 193.255, 210.001, 210.145, 210.906, 211.031, 211.181, 211.183, 294.011, 294.024, 294.030, 294.043, 294.060, 294.090, 294.121, 294.141 and 452.402, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-four new sections relating to children and families, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 28.160, 135.327, 193.125, 193.255, 210.001, 210.145, 210.906, 211.031, 211.181, 211.183, 294.011, 294.024, 294.030, 294.043, 294.060, 294.090, 294.121, 294.141 and 452.402, RSMo, are repealed and twenty-four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 28.160, 135.327, 193.125, 193.255, 210.001, 210.145, 210.566, 210.906, 210.960, 210.963, 210.965, 210.1007, 211.031, 211.181, 211.183, 294.011, 294.024, 294.030, 294.043, 294.060, 294.090, 294.121, 294.141 and 452.402, to read as follows:

28.160. 1. The state shall be entitled to fees for services to be rendered by the secretary of state as follows:

For issuing commission to notary public	\$15.00
For countersigning and sealing certificates of official character	10.00

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

For all other certificates	5.00
For copying archive and state library records, papers or documents, for each page 8 1/2 x 14 inches and smaller, not more than	.10
For duplicating microfilm, for each roll	15.00
For copying all other records, papers or documents, for each page 8 1/2 x 14 inches and smaller, not more than[.]	.10
For certifying copies of records and papers or documents	5.00
For causing service of process to be made	10.00
For electronic telephone transmittal, per page	2.00

2. There is hereby established the "Secretary of State's Technology Trust Fund Account" which shall be administered by the state treasurer. All yield, interest, income, increment, or gain received from time deposit of moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the secretary of state's technology trust fund account shall be credited by the state treasurer to the account. The provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary notwithstanding, moneys in the fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of general revenue until the amount in the fund at the end of a biennium exceeds five million dollars. In any such biennium the amount in the fund in excess of five million dollars shall be transferred to general revenue.

3. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee often dollars for the issuance of new and renewal notary commissions which shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account.

4. The secretary of state may ask the general assembly to appropriate funds from the technology trust fund for the purposes of establishing, procuring, developing, modernizing and maintaining:

- (1) An electronic data processing system and programs capable of maintaining a centralized database of all registered voters in the state;
- (2) Library services offered to the citizens of this state;
- (3) Administrative rules services, equipment and functions;
- (4) Services, equipment and functions relating to securities;
- (5) Services, equipment and functions relating to corporations and business organizations;
- (6) Services, equipment and functions relating to the Uniform Commercial Code;
- (7) Services, equipment and functions relating to archives; and
- (8) Services, equipment and functions relating to record services.

5. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the secretary of state shall not collect fees, for processing apostilles, certifications and

authentications prior to the placement of a child for adoption, in excess of one hundred dollars per child per adoption, or per multiple children to be adopted at the same time.

135.327. 1. Any person residing in this state who legally adopts a special needs child on or after January 1, 1988, and before January 1, 2000, shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to ten thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child adopted that may be applied to taxes due under chapter 143, RSMo. Any business entity providing funds to an employee to enable that employee to legally adopt a special needs child shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to ten thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child adopted that may be applied to taxes due under such business entity's state tax liability, except that only one ten thousand dollar credit is available for each special needs child that is adopted.

2. Any person residing in this state who proceeds in good faith with the adoption of a special needs child on or after January 1, 2000, shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to ten thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child that may be applied to taxes due under chapter 143, RSMo. Any business entity providing funds to an employee to enable that employee to proceed in good faith with the adoption of a special needs child shall be eligible to receive a tax credit of up to ten thousand dollars for nonrecurring adoption expenses for each child that may be applied to taxes due under such business entity's state tax liability, except that only one ten thousand dollar credit is available for each special needs child that is adopted.

3. Individuals and business entities may claim a tax credit for their total nonrecurring adoption expenses in each year that the expenses are incurred. A claim for fifty percent of the credit shall be allowed when the child is placed in the home. A claim for the remaining fifty percent shall be allowed when the adoption is final. The total of these tax credits shall not exceed the maximum limit of ten thousand dollars per child. The cumulative amount of tax credits which may be claimed by taxpayers for nonrecurring adoption expenses in any one fiscal year shall not exceed two million dollars.

4. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any individual or business entity may assign, transfer or sell tax credits allowed in this section. Any sale of tax credits claimed pursuant to this section [to a for-profit entity] shall be at a discount rate of seventy-five percent or greater of the amount sold.

193.125. 1. For each adoption decreed by a court of competent jurisdiction in this state, the court shall require the preparation of a certificate of decree of adoption on a form as prescribed and furnished by the state registrar. The certificate of decree of adoption shall include such facts as are necessary to locate and identify the certificate of birth of the person adopted, and shall provide information necessary to establish a new certificate of birth of the person adopted and shall identify the court and county of the adoption and be certified by the clerk of

the court. The state registrar shall file the original certificate of birth with the certificate of decree of adoption and such file may be opened by the state registrar only upon receipt of a certified copy of an order as decreed by the court of adoption **or pursuant to subsection 2 of this section.**

2. Upon receipt of a written application to the state registrar, and unless a written prohibition exists against the release of records, any adopted person fifty years of age or older born in the state of Missouri shall be issued a certified copy of his or her unaltered, original and unamended certificate of birth in the custody of the state registrar, with procedures, filing fees and waiting periods identical to those imposed upon nonadopted citizens of the state of Missouri. If the state registrar has no records on the adopted person, the state registrar shall certify such information to the requesting person within thirty days. Within sixty days following a written request of the adopted person accompanied by a copy of the certification from the state registrar, any circuit court in possession of such records shall provide copies of the records to the adopted person. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as violating the provisions of section 453.121, RSMo. An adoptive parent or biological parent may file a written prohibition against the release of record at any time.

[2.] **3.** Information necessary to prepare the report of adoption shall be furnished by each petitioner for adoption or the petitioner's attorney. The social welfare agency or any person having knowledge of the facts shall supply the court with such additional information as may be necessary to complete the report. The provision of such information shall be prerequisite to the issuance of a final decree in the matter by the court.

[3.] **4.** Whenever an adoption decree is amended or annulled, the clerk of the court shall prepare a report thereof, which shall include such facts as are necessary to identify the original adoption report and the facts amended in the adoption decree as shall be necessary to properly amend the birth record.

[4.] **5.** Not later than the fifteenth day of each calendar month or more frequently as directed by the state registrar the clerk of the court shall forward to the state registrar reports of decrees of adoption, annulment of adoption and amendments of decrees of adoption which were entered in the preceding month, together with such related reports as the state registrar shall require.

[5.] **6.** When the state registrar shall receive a report of adoption, annulment of adoption, or amendment of a decree of adoption for a person born outside this state, he or she shall forward such report to the state registrar in the state of birth.

[6.] **7.** In a case of adoption in this state of a person not born in any state, territory or possession of the United States or country not covered by interchange agreements, the state registrar shall upon receipt of the certificate of decree of adoption prepare a birth certificate in

the name of the adopted person, as decreed by the court **or written application to the state registrar by adoptees fifty years of age or older as provided in subsection 2 of this section.** The state registrar shall file the certificate of the decree of adoption, and such documents may be opened by the state registrar only by an order of court. The birth certificate prepared [under] **pursuant to** this subsection shall have the same legal weight as evidence as a delayed or altered birth certificate as provided in section 193.235.

[7.] **8.** The department, upon receipt of proof that a person has been adopted by a Missouri resident pursuant to laws of countries other than the United States, shall prepare a birth certificate in the name of the adopted person as decreed by the court of such country. If such proof contains the surname of either adoptive parent, the department of health and senior services shall prepare a birth certificate as requested by the adoptive parents. Any subsequent change of the name of the adopted person shall be made by a court of competent jurisdiction. The proof of adoption required by the department shall include a copy of the original birth certificate and adoption decree, an English translation of such birth certificate and adoption decree, and a copy of the approval of the immigration of the adopted person by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States government which shows the child lawfully entered the United States. The authenticity of the translation of the birth certificate and adoption decree required by this subsection shall be sworn to by the translator in a notarized document. The state registrar shall file such documents received by the department relating to such adoption and such documents may be opened by the state registrar only by an order of a court **or written application to the state registrar by adoptees fifty years of age or older as provided in subsection 2 of this section.** A birth certificate pursuant to this subsection shall be issued upon request of one of the adoptive parents of such adopted person or upon request of the adopted person if of legal age. The birth certificate prepared pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall have the same legal weight as evidence as a delayed or altered birth certificate as provided in sections 193.005 to 193.325.

[8.] **9.** If no certificate of birth is on file for the person under twelve years of age who has been adopted, a belated certificate of birth shall be filed with the state registrar as provided in sections 193.005 to 193.325 before a new birth record is to be established as result of adoption. A new certificate is to be established on the basis of the adoption [under] **pursuant to** this section and shall be prepared on a standard certificate of live birth form.

[9.] **10.** If no certificate of birth has been filed for a person twelve years of age or older who has been adopted, a new birth certificate is to be established [under] **pursuant to** this section upon receipt of proof of adoption as required by the department. A new certificate shall be prepared in the name of the adopted person as decreed by the court, registering adopted parents' names. The new certificate shall be prepared on a delayed birth certificate form. The adoption decree is placed in a sealed file and shall not be subject to inspection except upon an

order of the court.

193.255. 1. The state registrar and other custodians of vital records authorized by the state registrar to issue certified copies of vital records upon receipt of application shall issue a certified copy of any vital record in [his] **the registrar's** custody or a part thereof to any applicant having a direct and tangible interest in the vital record, **including an adopted person fifty years of age or older as provided for in section 193.125**. Each copy issued shall show the date of registration, and copies issued from records marked "Delayed" or "Amended" shall be similarly marked and show the effective date. The documentary evidence used to establish a delayed certificate shall be shown on all copies issued. All forms and procedures used in the issuance of certified copies of vital records in the state shall be provided or approved by the state registrar.

2. A certified copy of a vital record or any part thereof, issued in accordance with subsection 1 of this section, shall be considered for all purposes the same as the original and shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein, provided that the evidentiary value of a certificate or record filed more than one year after the event, or a record which has been amended, shall be determined by the judicial or administrative body or official before whom the certificate is offered as evidence.

3. The federal agency responsible for national vital statistics may be furnished such copies or data from the system of vital statistics as it may require for national statistics, provided such federal agency share in the cost of collecting, processing, and transmitting such data, and provided further that such data shall not be used for other than statistical purposes by the federal agency unless so authorized by the state registrar.

4. Federal, state, local and other public or private agencies may, upon request, be furnished copies or data of any other vital statistics not obtainable [under] **pursuant to** subsection 1 of this section for statistical or administrative purposes upon such terms or conditions as may be prescribed by regulation, provided that such copies or data shall not be used for purposes other than those for which they were requested unless so authorized by the state registrar.

5. The state registrar may, by agreement, transmit copies of records and other reports required by sections 193.005 to 193.325 to offices of vital statistics outside this state when such records or other reports relate to residents of those jurisdictions or persons born in those jurisdictions. This agreement shall require that the copies be used for statistical and administrative purposes only, and the agreement shall further provide for the retention and disposition of such copies. Copies received by the department from offices of vital statistics in other states shall be handled in the same manner as prescribed in this section.

6. No person shall prepare or issue any certificate which purports to be an original, certified copy, or copy of a vital record except as authorized herein or by regulations adopted

hereunder.

210.001. 1. The department of social services shall address the needs of homeless, dependent and neglected children in the supervision and custody of the division of family services and to their families-in-conflict by:

(1) Serving children and families as a unit in the least restrictive setting available and in close proximity to the family home, consistent with the best interests and special needs of the child;

(2) Insuring that appropriate social services are provided to the family unit both prior to the removal of the child from the home and after family reunification;

(3) Developing and implementing preventive and early intervention social services which have demonstrated the ability to delay or reduce the need for out-of-home placements and ameliorate problems before they become chronic.

2. The department of social services shall fund only regional child assessment centers known as:

(1) The St. Louis City child assessment center;

(2) The St. Louis County child assessment center;

(3) The Jackson County child assessment center;

(4) The Buchanan County child assessment center;

(5) The Greene County and Lakes Area child assessment center;

(6) The Boone County child assessment center;

(7) The Joplin child assessment center;

(8) The St. Charles County child assessment center;

(9) The Jefferson County child assessment center;

(10) The Pettis County child assessment center; [and]

(11) The southeast Missouri child assessment center; **and**

(12) The Camden County child assessment center, provided the other approved assessment centers included in this section submit to the department of social services a modified funding formula for all approved child assessment centers, which would require no additional state funding.

210.145. 1. The division shall establish and maintain an information system operating at all times, capable of receiving and maintaining reports. This information system shall have the ability to receive reports over a single, statewide toll-free number. Such information system shall maintain the results of all investigations, family assessments and services, and other relevant information.

2. Upon receipt of a report, the division shall immediately communicate such report to its appropriate local office and any relevant information as may be contained in the information system. The local division staff shall determine, through the use of protocols developed by the

division, whether an investigation or the family assessment and services approach should be used to respond to the allegation. The protocols developed by the division shall give priority to ensuring the well-being and safety of the child.

3. The local office shall contact the appropriate law enforcement agency immediately upon receipt of a report which division personnel determine merits an investigation, or, which, if true, would constitute a suspected violation of any of the following: section 565.020, 565.021, 565.023, 565.024 or 565.050, RSMo, if the victim is a child less than eighteen years of age, section 566.030 or 566.060, RSMo, if the victim is a child less than eighteen years of age, or other crime under chapter 566, RSMo, if the victim is a child less than eighteen years of age and the perpetrator is twenty-one years of age or older, section 567.050, RSMo, if the victim is a child less than eighteen years of age, section 568.020, 568.030, 568.045, 568.050, 568.060, 568.080, or 568.090, RSMo, section 573.025, 573.037 or 573.045, RSMo, or an attempt to commit any such crimes. The local office shall provide such agency with a detailed description of the report received. In such cases the local division office shall request the assistance of the local law enforcement agency in all aspects of the investigation of the complaint. The appropriate law enforcement agency shall either assist the division in the investigation or provide the division, within twenty-four hours, an explanation in writing detailing the reasons why it is unable to assist.

4. The local office of the division shall cause an investigation or family assessment and services approach to be initiated immediately or no later than within twenty-four hours of receipt of the report from the division, except in cases where the sole basis for the report is educational neglect. If the report indicates that educational neglect is the only complaint and there is no suspicion of other neglect or abuse, the investigation shall be initiated within seventy-two hours of receipt of the report. If the report indicates the child is in danger of serious physical harm or threat to life, an investigation shall include direct observation of the subject child within twenty-four hours of the receipt of the report. Local law enforcement shall take all necessary steps to facilitate such direct observation. When the child is reported absent from the residence, the location and the well-being of the child shall be verified.

5. The director of the division shall name at least one chief investigator for each local division office, who shall direct the division response on any case involving a second or subsequent incident regarding the same subject child or perpetrator. The duties of a chief investigator shall include verification of direct observation of the subject child by the division and shall ensure information regarding the status of an investigation is provided to the public school district liaison. The public school district liaison shall develop protocol in conjunction with the chief investigator to ensure information regarding an investigation is shared with appropriate school personnel. The public school district liaison shall be designated by the superintendent of each school district. Should the subject child attend a nonpublic school the chief investigator

shall notify the school principal of the investigation.

6. The investigation shall include but not be limited to the nature, extent, and cause of the abuse or neglect; the identity and age of the person responsible for the abuse or neglect; the names and conditions of other children in the home, if any; the home environment and the relationship of the subject child to the parents or other persons responsible for the child's care; any indication of incidents of physical violence against any other household or family member; and other pertinent data.

7. When a report has been made by a person required to report under section 210.115, the division shall contact the person who made such report within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the report in order to ensure that full information has been received and to obtain any additional information or medical records, or both, that may be pertinent.

8. Upon completion of the investigation, if the division suspects that the report was made maliciously or for the purpose of harassment, the division shall refer the report and any evidence of malice or harassment to the local prosecuting or circuit attorney.

9. Multidisciplinary teams shall be used whenever conducting the investigation as determined by the division in conjunction with local law enforcement. Multidisciplinary teams shall be used in providing protective or preventive social services, including the services of law enforcement, a liaison of the local public school, the juvenile officer, the juvenile court, and other agencies, both public and private.

10. If the appropriate local division personnel determine after an investigation has begun that completing an investigation is not appropriate, the division shall conduct a family assessment and services approach. The division shall provide written notification to local law enforcement prior to terminating any investigative process. The reason for the termination of the investigative process shall be documented in the record of the division and the written notification submitted to local law enforcement. Such notification shall not preclude nor prevent any investigation by law enforcement.

11. If the appropriate local division personnel determines to use a family assessment and services approach, the division shall:

(1) Assess any service needs of the family. The assessment of risk and service needs shall be based on information gathered from the family and other sources;

(2) Provide services which are voluntary and time-limited unless it is determined by the division based on the assessment of risk that there will be a high risk of abuse or neglect if the family refuses to accept the services. The division shall identify services for families where it is determined that the child is at high risk of future abuse or neglect. The division shall thoroughly document in the record its attempt to provide voluntary services and the reasons these services are important to reduce the risk of future abuse or neglect to the child. If the family continues to refuse voluntary services or the child needs to be protected, the division may commence an

investigation;

(3) Commence an immediate investigation if at any time during the family assessment and services approach the division determines that an investigation, as delineated in sections 210.109 to 210.183, is required. The division staff who have conducted the assessment may remain involved in the provision of services to the child and family;

(4) Document at the time the case is closed, the outcome of the family assessment and services approach, any service provided and the removal of risk to the child, if it existed.

12. Within thirty days of an oral report of abuse or neglect, the local office shall update the information in the information system. The information system shall contain, at a minimum, the determination made by the division as a result of the investigation, identifying information on the subjects of the report, those responsible for the care of the subject child and other relevant dispositional information. The division shall complete all investigations within thirty days, unless good cause for the failure to complete the investigation is documented in the information system. If the investigation is not completed within thirty days, the information system shall be updated at regular intervals and upon the completion of the investigation. The information in the information system shall be updated to reflect any subsequent findings, including any changes to the findings based on an administrative or judicial hearing on the matter.

13. A person required to report under section 210.115 to the division shall be informed by the division of his right to obtain information concerning the disposition of his or her report. Such person shall receive, from the local office, if requested, information on the general disposition of his or her report. A person required to report to the division pursuant to section 210.115 may receive, if requested, findings and information concerning the case. Such release of information shall be at the discretion of the director based upon a review of the mandated reporter's ability to assist in protecting the child or the potential harm to the child or other children within the family. The local office shall respond to the request within forty-five days. The findings shall be made available to the mandated reporter within five days of the outcome of the investigation.

14. In any judicial proceeding involving the custody of a child the fact that a report may have been made pursuant to sections 210.109 to 210.183 shall not be admissible. However, nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the introduction of evidence from independent sources to support the allegations that may have caused a report to have been made.

15. In any judicial proceeding involving the custody of a child where the court determines that the child is in need of services pursuant to subdivision (d) of subsection 1 of section 211.031, RSMo, and has taken jurisdiction, the child's parent, guardian or custodian shall not be entered into the registry.

16. The division of family services is hereby granted the authority to promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the provisions of section 207.021, RSMo, and chapter 536, RSMo,

to carry out the provisions of sections 210.109 to 210.183.

[16.] **17.** Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2000, shall be invalid and void.

210.566. 1. The division of family services and its contractors shall treat foster parents with courtesy, respect and consideration. Foster parents shall treat the children in their care, the child's birth family and members of the child welfare team with courtesy, respect and consideration.

2. (1) The division of family services and its contractors shall provide foster parents with training, pre-service and in-service, and support. The division of family services and its contractors shall share all pertinent information about the child and the child's family, including but not limited to, the case plan with the foster parents to assist in determining if a child would be a proper placement. The division of family services and its contractors shall inform the foster parents of issues relative to the child that may jeopardize the health or safety of the foster family. The division of family services and its contractors shall arrange pre-placement visits, except in emergencies. The foster parents may ask questions about the child's case plan, encourage a placement or refuse a placement without reprisal from the caseworker or agency. After a placement, the division of family services shall update the foster parents as new information about the child is gathered. Foster parents shall be informed of upcoming meetings and staffings, and shall be allowed to participate, consistent with section 210.761. The division of family services shall establish reasonably accessible respite care for children in foster care for short periods of time, jointly determined by foster parents and the child's caseworker pursuant to section 210.545.

(2) Foster parents shall treat all information received from the division of family services about the child and the child's family as confidential. Foster parents may share information they may learn about the child and the child's family with the caseworker and other members of the child welfare team. Recognizing that placement changes are difficult for children, foster parents shall seek all necessary information, and participate in pre-placement visits, before deciding whether to accept a child for placement. Foster parents shall follow all procedures defined by the division of family

services for requesting and using respite care.

3. (1) Foster parents shall make decisions about the daily living concerns of the child, and shall be permitted to continue the practice of their own family values and routines while respecting the child's cultural heritage. All discipline shall be consistent with state laws and regulations. The division of family services shall allow foster parents to help plan visitation between the child and the child's biological family.

(2) Foster parents shall provide care that is respectful of the child's cultural identity and needs. Foster parents shall recognize that the purpose of discipline is to teach and direct the behavior of the child, and ensure that it is administered in a humane and sensitive manner. Recognizing that visitation with family members is an important right, foster parents shall be flexible and cooperative in regard to family visits.

4. (1) Consistent with state laws and regulations, the state may provide, upon request by the foster parents, information about a child's progress after the child leaves foster care. Except in emergencies, foster parents shall be given advance notice consistent with division policy, and a written statement of the reasons before a child is removed from their care. If a child re-enters the foster care system, the child's foster parents shall be considered as a placement option. If a child becomes free for adoption while in foster care, the child's foster family shall be given preferential consideration as adoptive parents consistent with section 453.070, RSMo.

(2) Confidentiality rights of the child and the child's parents shall be respected and maintained. Foster parents shall inform the child's caseworker of their interest if a child re-enters the system. If a foster child becomes free for adoption and the foster parents desire to adopt the child, they shall inform the caseworker in a timely manner. If they do not choose to pursue adoption, foster parents shall make every effort to support and encourage the child's placement in a permanent home. When requesting removal of a child from their home, foster parents shall give reasonable advance notice, consistent with division policy, to the child's caseworker, except in emergency situations.

5. (1) Foster parents shall be informed by the court in a timely manner of all court hearings pertaining to a child in their care, and informed of their right to attend and participate, consistent with section 211.464, RSMo.

(2) Foster parents shall share any concerns regarding the case plan for a child in their care with the child's caseworker, as well as other members of the child welfare team, in a timely manner.

6. Foster parents shall have timely access to the child placement agency's

appeals process, and shall be free from acts of retaliation when exercising the right to appeal. Foster parents shall know and follow the policies of the state, including the appeals procedure.

210.906. 1. Every child-care worker or elder-care worker hired on or after January 1, 2001, or personal-care worker hired on or after January 1, 2002, shall complete a registration form provided by the department. The department shall make such forms available no later than January 1, 2001, and may, by rule, determine the specific content of such form, but every form shall:

(1) Request the valid Social Security number of the applicant;

(2) Include information on the person's right to appeal the information contained in the registry pursuant to section 210.912;

(3) Contain the signed consent of the applicant for the background checks required pursuant to this section; and

(4) Contain the signed consent for the release of information contained in the background check for employment purposes only.

2. Every child-care worker or elder-care worker hired on or after January 1, 2001, and every personal-care worker hired on or after January 1, 2002, shall complete a registration form within fifteen days of the beginning of such person's employment. Any person employed as a child-care, elder-care or personal-care worker who fails to submit a completed registration form to the department of health and senior services as required by sections 210.900 to 210.936 without good cause, as determined by the department, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

3. The costs of the criminal background check may be paid by the individual applicant, or by the provider if the applicant is so employed, or for those applicants receiving public assistance, by the state through the terms of the self-sufficiency pact pursuant to section 208.325, RSMo. Any moneys remitted to the patrol for the costs of the criminal background check shall be deposited to the credit of the criminal record system fund as required by section 43.530, RSMo.

4. Any person licensed pursuant to sections 210.481 to 210.565 shall be automatically registered in the family care safety registry at no additional cost other than the costs required pursuant to sections 210.481 to 210.565.

5. Any person not required to register pursuant to the provisions of sections 210.900 to 210.936 may also be included in the registry if such person voluntarily applies to the department for registration and meets the requirements of this section and section 210.909, including submitting to the background checks in subsection 1 of section 210.909.

[5.] 6. The provisions of sections 210.900 to 210.936 shall not extend to related child care, related elder care or related personal care.

210.960. 1. There is hereby established within the department of public safety the "Office of Child Protection Information" which shall answer questions, assist with

procedural issues, monitor personnel, and help solve the grievances of persons with children who have received or are receiving child protective services.

2. The office shall be administered by a state ombudsman.

3. The office shall establish and implement procedures for receiving, processing, responding to questions, assisting with procedural issues, monitoring personnel, and resolving complaints made by persons with children who have received or are receiving child protective services relating to action, inaction, or decisions of social services agencies, juvenile officers, law enforcement, and the courts as deemed appropriate by the advisory commission established in section 210.963. Any investigation or complaint regarding personnel that is determined by the office to be substantiated shall be reported to the appropriate supervisors for such personnel.

4. The office shall establish and implement procedures for resolution of complaints.

5. The office shall acknowledge questions and complaints, report any findings, make recommendations, gather and disseminate information and other material, and publicize its existence.

6. The office shall analyze and monitor the development and implementation of federal, state, and local laws, rules, and policies with respect to child protective services in the state and shall recommend to the general assembly and department changes in such laws, rules, and policies deemed by the office to be appropriate.

7. The office shall develop and propose statewide policies and standards for implementing the activities of the ombudsman program, including the qualifications and the training of ombudsman volunteers.

8. The office shall develop and propose programs for use, training, and coordination of volunteers and may:

- (1) Establish and conduct recruitment programs for volunteers;
- (2) Establish and conduct training seminars, meetings, and other programs for volunteers;
- (3) Supply personnel, written materials, and such other reasonable assistance, including publicizing their activities, as may be deemed necessary; and
- (4) Coordinate and cooperate with court appointed special advocates.

9. The office shall prepare a written notice setting forth the address and telephone number of the office, a brief explanation of the function of the office, the procedure to follow in filing a complaint, and other pertinent information. At the time a child is taken into protective custody, such written notice shall be provided by a department employee, law enforcement, or juvenile officer to the person from whom custody of the child is being taken.

210.963. 1. The office of child protection information shall be advised by a "Child Protection Information Advisory Commission" which is hereby created and shall be comprised of eleven members. Two members shall be appointed by the director of the department of social services, one of whom shall be a frontline child protective services worker, and nine members shall be appointed by the director of the department of public safety, with three members appointed to represent the public, one member appointed to represent law enforcement, two members appointed to represent juvenile officers, two members appointed to represent parents with children who have received child protective services, and two members appointed to represent child care facilities. The director of the department of public safety shall appoint impartial members who will thoroughly and fairly review the actions of the state in the investigation of alleged child abuse and neglect cases and the provision of child protective services.

2. The term of office for members shall be four years; except that of those first appointed, three members shall be appointed to two-year terms, three members shall be appointed to three-year terms, and three members shall be appointed to four-year terms. Members appointed shall serve until their successors are duly appointed and qualified and vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the remaining portion of the unexpired term created by the vacancy.

3. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties while in attendance at committee meetings.

4. The commission shall:

(1) Assist the office of child protection information with policy issues and the development of an ombudsman program to ensure statewide consistency in addressing grievances of and the dissemination of information to persons with children who have received or are receiving child protective services;

(2) Evaluate the impact of the state laws related to child protective services and the rules promulgated thereunder on the children who have received or are receiving child protective services and their families;

(3) Review and assess the impact of enforcement policies on children who have received or are receiving child protective services and their families;

(4) Recommend to the departments, law enforcement, juvenile officers, the courts, and the general assembly, as appropriate, changes in procedure, rules, or law which would facilitate child protective services procedures including an expedited review of substantiated cases;

(5) Conduct hearings, determine facts, and make inquiries consistent with the

purposes of this section; and

(6) Prepare an annual report for the general assembly detailing any relevant information, statistics, and recommendations, including but not limited to information on the number of children involved in actions by the office, the number of complaints received, average length of stay in foster care by county, number of homes each child enters and any abuses by officials.

210.965. 1. Any files maintained by the office of child protection information and the ombudsman program shall be disclosed only at the discretion of the ombudsman having authority over the disposition of such files; except that the identity of any complainant or child shall not be disclosed by such ombudsman unless:

(1) Such complainant or the child's parent or legal guardian consents in writing to such disclosure;

(2) The immediate health, safety, or welfare of such child requires such disclosure; or

(3) Such disclosure is required by court order.

2. Any representative of the office conducting or participating in any examination of a question or complaint who shall knowingly and willfully disclose to any person other than the office, or those authorized by the office to receive such question or complaint, the name of any witness examined or any information obtained or given upon such examination, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

3. Any statement or communication made by the office relevant to a question or complaint received by, proceedings before or activities of the office, and any complaint or information made or provided in good faith by any person, shall be absolutely privileged and such person shall be immune from suit.

4. The office shall not be required to testify in any court with respect to matters held to be confidential in this section except as the court may deem necessary to enforce the provisions of sections 210.960 to 210.965, or where otherwise required by court order.

210.1007. 1. The department of health and senior services shall, on or before July 1, 2003, and quarterly thereafter, provide all child care facilities licensed pursuant to this chapter with a comprehensive list of children's products that have been identified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission as unsafe.

2. Upon notification, a child care facility shall inspect its premises and immediately dispose of any unsafe children's products which are discovered. Such inspection shall be documented by signing and dating the department's notification form in a space designated by the department. Signed and dated notification forms shall be maintained in the facility's files for departmental inspection.

3. During regular inspections, the department shall document the facility's maintenance of past signed and dated notification forms. If the department discovers an unsafe children's product, the facility shall be instructed to immediately dispose of the product. If a facility fails to dispose of a product after being given notice that it is unsafe, it shall be considered a violation under the inspection.

4. The department may promulgate rules for the implementation of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void.

211.031. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the juvenile court or the family court in circuits that have a family court as provided in sections 487.010 to 487.190, RSMo, shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in proceedings:

(1) Involving any child or person seventeen years of age who may be a resident of or found within the county and who is alleged to be in need of care and treatment because:

(a) The parents, or other persons legally responsible for the care and support of the child or person seventeen years of age, neglect or refuse to provide proper support, education which is required by law, medical, surgical or other care necessary for his or her well-being; except that reliance by a parent, guardian or custodian upon remedial treatment other than medical or surgical treatment for a child or person seventeen years of age shall not be construed as neglect when the treatment is recognized or permitted pursuant to the laws of this state;

(b) The child or person seventeen years of age is otherwise without proper care, custody or support; or

(c) The child or person seventeen years of age was living in a room, building or other structure at the time such dwelling was found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be a public nuisance pursuant to section 195.130, RSMo;

(d) The child or person seventeen years of age is a child in need of mental health services and the parent, guardian or custodian is unable to afford or access appropriate mental health treatment or care for the child;

(2) Involving any child who may be a resident of or found within the county and who is alleged to be in need of care and treatment because:

(a) The child while subject to compulsory school attendance is repeatedly and without justification absent from school; or

(b) The child disobeys the reasonable and lawful directions of his or her parents or other custodian and is beyond their control; or

(c) The child is habitually absent from his or her home without sufficient cause, permission, or justification; or

(d) The behavior or associations of the child are otherwise injurious to his or her welfare or to the welfare of others; or

(e) The child is charged with an offense not classified as criminal, or with an offense applicable only to children; except that, the juvenile court shall not have jurisdiction over any child fifteen and one-half years of age who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal traffic ordinance or regulation, the violation of which does not constitute a felony, or any child who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal ordinance or regulation prohibiting possession or use of any tobacco product;

(3) Involving any child who is alleged to have violated a state law or municipal ordinance, or any person who is alleged to have violated a state law or municipal ordinance prior to attaining the age of seventeen years, in which cases jurisdiction may be taken by the court of the circuit in which the child or person resides or may be found or in which the violation is alleged to have occurred; except that, the juvenile court shall not have jurisdiction over any child fifteen and one-half years of age who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal traffic ordinance or regulation, the violation of which does not constitute a felony, or any child who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal ordinance or regulation prohibiting possession or use of any tobacco product;

(4) For the adoption of a person;

(5) For the commitment of a child or person seventeen years of age to the guardianship of the department of social services as provided by law.

2. Transfer of a matter, proceeding, jurisdiction or supervision for a child or person seventeen years of age who resides in a county of this state shall be made as follows:

(1) Prior to the filing of a petition and upon request of any party or at the discretion of the juvenile officer, the matter in the interest of a child or person seventeen years of age may be transferred by the juvenile officer, with the prior consent of the juvenile officer of the receiving court, to the county of the child's residence or the residence of the person seventeen years of age for future action;

(2) Upon the motion of any party or on its own motion prior to final disposition on the pending matter, the court in which a proceeding is commenced may transfer the proceeding of a child or person seventeen years of age to the court located in the county of the child's residence or the residence of the person seventeen years of age, or the county in which the offense pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of this section is alleged to have occurred for further action;

(3) Upon motion of any party or on its own motion, the court in which jurisdiction has been taken pursuant to subsection 1 of this section may at any time thereafter transfer jurisdiction of a child or person seventeen years of age to the court located in the county of the child's residence or the residence of the person seventeen years of age for further action with the prior consent of the receiving court;

(4) Upon motion of any party or upon its own motion at any time following a judgment of disposition or treatment pursuant to section 211.181, the court having jurisdiction of the cause may place the child or person seventeen years of age under the supervision of another juvenile court within or without the state pursuant to section 210.570, RSMo, with the consent of the receiving court;

(5) Upon the transfer of any matter, proceeding, jurisdiction or supervision of a child or person seventeen years of age, certified copies of all legal and social documents and records pertaining to the case on file with the clerk of the transferring juvenile court shall accompany the transfer.

3. In any proceeding involving any child or person seventeen years of age taken into custody in a county other than the county of the child's residence or the residence of a person seventeen years of age, the juvenile court of the county of the child's residence or the residence of a person seventeen years of age shall be notified of such taking into custody within seventy-two hours.

211.181. 1. When a child or person seventeen years of age is found by the court to come within the applicable provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of section 211.031, the court shall so decree and make a finding of fact upon which it exercises its jurisdiction over the child or person seventeen years of age, and the court may, by order duly entered, proceed as follows:

(1) Place the child or person seventeen years of age under supervision in his own home or in the custody of a relative or other suitable person after the court or a public agency or institution designated by the court conducts an investigation of the home, relative or person and finds such home, relative or person to be suitable and upon such conditions as the court may require;

(2) Commit the child or person seventeen years of age to the custody of:

(a) A public agency or institution authorized by law to care for children or to place them in family homes; except that, such child or person seventeen years of age may not be committed to the department of social services, division of youth services;

(b) Any other institution or agency which is authorized or licensed by law to care for children or to place them in family homes;

(c) An association, school or institution willing to receive the child or person seventeen years of age in another state if the approval of the agency in that state which administers the laws relating to importation of children into the state has been secured; or

(d) The juvenile officer;

(3) Place the child or person seventeen years of age in a family home;

(4) Cause the child or person seventeen years of age to be examined and treated by a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist and when the health or condition of the child or person seventeen years of age requires it, cause the child or person seventeen years of age to be placed in a public or private hospital, clinic or institution for treatment and care; except that, nothing contained herein authorizes any form of compulsory medical, surgical, or psychiatric treatment of a child or person seventeen years of age whose parents or guardian in good faith are providing other remedial treatment recognized or permitted under the laws of this state;

(5) The court may order, pursuant to subsection 2 of section 211.081, that the child receive the necessary services in the least restrictive appropriate environment including home and community-based services, treatment and support, based on a coordinated, individualized treatment plan. The individualized treatment plan shall be approved by the court and developed by the applicable state agencies responsible for providing or paying for any and all appropriate and necessary services, subject to appropriation, and shall include which agencies are going to pay for and provide such services. Such plan must be submitted to the court within thirty days and the child's family shall actively participate in designing the service plan for the child or person seventeen years of age.

2. When a child is found by the court to come within the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 211.031, the court shall so decree and upon making a finding of fact upon which it exercises its jurisdiction over the child, the court may, by order duly entered, proceed as follows:

(1) Place the child under supervision in his own home or in custody of a relative or other suitable person after the court or a public agency or institution designated by the court conducts an investigation of the home, relative or person and finds such home, relative or person to be suitable and upon such conditions as the court may require;

(2) Commit the child to the custody of:

(a) A public agency or institution authorized by law to care for children or place them in family homes; except that, a child may be committed to the department of social services, division of youth services, only if he is presently under the court's supervision after an adjudication under the provisions of subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection 1 of section 211.031;

(b) Any other institution or agency which is authorized or licensed by law to care for children or to place them in family homes;

(c) An association, school or institution willing to receive it in another state if the approval of the agency in that state which administers the laws relating to importation of children into the state has been secured; or

(d) The juvenile officer;

(3) Place the child in a family home;

(4) Cause the child to be examined and treated by a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist and when the health or condition of the child requires it, cause the child to be placed in a public or private hospital, clinic or institution for treatment and care; except that, nothing contained herein authorizes any form of compulsory medical, surgical, or psychiatric treatment of a child whose parents or guardian in good faith are providing other remedial treatment recognized or permitted under the laws of this state;

(5) Assess an amount of up to ten dollars to be paid by the child to the clerk of the court. Execution of any order entered by the court pursuant to this subsection, including a commitment to any state agency, may be suspended and the child placed on probation subject to such conditions as the court deems reasonable. After a hearing, probation may be revoked and the suspended order executed.

3. When a child is found by the court to come within the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of section 211.031, the court shall so decree and make a finding of fact upon which it exercises its jurisdiction over the child, and the court may, by order duly entered, proceed as follows:

(1) Place the child under supervision in his own home or in custody of a relative or other suitable person after the court or a public agency or institution designated by the court conducts an investigation of the home, relative or person and finds such home, relative or person to be suitable and upon such conditions as the court may require;

(2) Commit the child to the custody of:

(a) A public agency or institution authorized by law to care for children or to place them in family homes;

(b) Any other institution or agency which is authorized or licensed by law to care for children or to place them in family homes;

(c) An association, school or institution willing to receive it in another state if the approval of the agency in that state which administers the laws relating to importation of children into the state has been secured; or

(d) The juvenile officer;

(3) Beginning January 1, 1996, the court may make further directions as to placement with the division of youth services concerning the child's length of stay. The length of stay order may set forth a minimum review date;

(4) Place the child in a family home;

(5) Cause the child to be examined and treated by a physician, psychiatrist or psychologist and when the health or condition of the child requires it, cause the child to be placed in a public or private hospital, clinic or institution for treatment and care; except that, nothing

contained herein authorizes any form of compulsory medical, surgical, or psychiatric treatment of a child whose parents or guardian in good faith are providing other remedial treatment recognized or permitted under the laws of this state;

(6) Suspend or revoke a state or local license or authority of a child to operate a motor vehicle;

(7) Order the child to make restitution or reparation for the damage or loss caused by his offense. In determining the amount or extent of the damage, the court may order the juvenile officer to prepare a report and may receive other evidence necessary for such determination. The child and his attorney shall have access to any reports which may be prepared, and shall have the right to present evidence at any hearing held to ascertain the amount of damages. Any restitution or reparation ordered shall be reasonable in view of the child's ability to make payment or to perform the reparation. The court may require the clerk of the circuit court to act as receiving and disbursing agent for any payment ordered;

(8) Order the child to a term of community service under the supervision of the court or of an organization selected by the court. Every person, organization, and agency, and each employee thereof, charged with the supervision of a child under this subdivision, or who benefits from any services performed as a result of an order issued under this subdivision, shall be immune from any suit by the child ordered to perform services under this subdivision, or any person deriving a cause of action from such child, if such cause of action arises from the supervision of the child's performance of services under this subdivision and if such cause of action does not arise from an intentional tort. A child ordered to perform services under this subdivision shall not be deemed an employee within the meaning of the provisions of chapter 287, RSMo, nor shall the services of such child be deemed employment within the meaning of the provisions of chapter 288, RSMo. Execution of any order entered by the court, including a commitment to any state agency, may be suspended and the child placed on probation subject to such conditions as the court deems reasonable. After a hearing, probation may be revoked and the suspended order executed;

(9) When a child has been adjudicated to have violated a municipal ordinance or to have committed an act that would be a misdemeanor if committed by an adult, assess an amount of up to twenty-five dollars to be paid by the child to the clerk of the court; when a child has been adjudicated to have committed an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult, assess an amount of up to fifty dollars to be paid by the child to the clerk of the court.

4. Beginning January 1, 1996, the court may set forth in the order of commitment the minimum period during which the child shall remain in the custody of the division of youth services. No court order shall require a child to remain in the custody of the division of youth services for a period which exceeds the child's eighteenth birth date except upon petition filed by the division of youth services pursuant to subsection 1 of section 219.021, RSMo. In any order

of commitment of a child to the custody of the division of youth services, the division shall determine the appropriate program or placement pursuant to subsection 3 of section 219.021, RSMo. Beginning January 1, 1996, the department shall not discharge a child from the custody of the division of youth services before the child completes the length of stay determined by the court in the commitment order unless the committing court orders otherwise. The director of the division of youth services may at any time petition the court for a review of a child's length of stay commitment order, and the court may, upon a showing of good cause, order the early discharge of the child from the custody of the division of youth services. The division may discharge the child from the division of youth services without a further court order after the child completes the length of stay determined by the court or may retain the child for any period after the completion of the length of stay in accordance with the law.

5. When an assessment has been imposed under the provisions of subsection 2 or 3 of this section, the assessment shall be paid to the clerk of the court in the circuit where the assessment is imposed by court order, to be deposited in a fund established for the sole purpose of payment of judgments entered against children in accordance with section 211.185.

211.183. 1. In juvenile court proceedings regarding the removal of a child from his or her home, the court's order shall include a determination of whether the division of family services has made reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child and, after removal, to make it possible for the child to return home. If the first contact with the family occurred during an emergency in which the child could not safely remain at home even with reasonable in-home services, the division shall be deemed to have made reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for removal.

2. "Reasonable efforts" means the exercise of reasonable diligence and care by the division to utilize all available services related to meeting the needs of the juvenile and the family. In determining reasonable efforts to be made and in making such reasonable efforts, the child's present and ongoing health and safety shall be the paramount consideration.

3. In support of its determination of whether reasonable efforts have been made, the court shall enter findings, including a brief description of what preventive or reunification efforts were made and why further efforts could or could not have prevented or shortened the separation of the family. The division shall have the burden of demonstrating reasonable efforts.

4. The juvenile court may authorize the removal of the child even if the preventive and reunification efforts of the division have not been reasonable, but further efforts could not permit the child to remain at home.

5. Before a child may be removed from the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child by order of a juvenile court, excluding commitments to the division of youth services, the court shall in its orders:

(1) State whether removal of the child is necessary to protect the child and the reasons

therefor;

(2) Describe the services available to the family before removal of the child, including in-home services;

(3) Describe the efforts made to provide those services relevant to the needs of the family before the removal of the child;

(4) State why efforts made to provide family services described did not prevent removal of the child; and

(5) State whether efforts made to prevent removal of the child were reasonable, based upon the needs of the family and child.

6. If continuation of reasonable efforts, as described in this section, is determined by the division to be inconsistent with establishing a permanent placement for the child, the division shall take such steps as are deemed necessary by the division, including seeking modification of any court order to modify the permanency plan for the child.

7. The division shall not be required to make reasonable efforts, as defined in this section, but has the discretion to make reasonable efforts if a court of competent jurisdiction has determined that:

(1) The parent has subjected the child **or any child of the parent** to a severe act or recurrent acts of physical, emotional or sexual abuse toward the child, including an act of incest, **or the acts were committed by another person under circumstances that indicate that the parent knew or should have known that such acts were being committed toward the child or any child of the parent;** or

(2) The parent has:

(a) Committed murder of another child of the parent;

(b) Committed voluntary manslaughter of another child of the parent;

(c) Aided or abetted, attempted, conspired or solicited to commit such a murder or voluntary manslaughter; or

(d) Committed a felony assault that resulted in serious bodily injury to the child or to another child of the parent; or

(3) The parent's parental rights to a sibling have been involuntarily terminated.

8. If the court determines that reasonable efforts, as described in this section, are not required to be made by the division, the court shall hold a permanency hearing within thirty days after the court has made such determination. The division shall complete whatever steps are necessary to finalize the permanent placement of the child.

9. The division may concurrently engage in reasonable efforts, as described in this section, while engaging in such other measures as are deemed appropriate by the division to establish a permanent placement for the child.

294.011. As used in this chapter, the following terms mean:

- (1) "Child", an individual under sixteen years of age, **unless otherwise specified**;
- (2) "Commission", the labor and industrial relations commission;
- (3) "Department", the department of labor and industrial relations;
- (4) "Department director", the director of the department of labor and industrial relations;
- (5) "Director", the director of the division of labor standards;
- (6) "Division", the division of labor standards;
- (7) "Employ", engage a child in gainful employment for wages or other remuneration

[except where the child is working under the direct control of the parent, legal custodian or guardian of the child]. The term employ shall not include [the performance of the following services by a child twelve years of age or older] **any child working under the direct control of the child's parent and shall not include the following services which may be performed by any child over the age of twelve:**

- (a) The delivery or sales of newspapers[, magazines or periodicals];
- (b) Child care;
- (c) Occasional yard or farm work, **including agriculture work as defined in subdivision (1) of section 290.500, RSMo**, performed by a child with the knowledge and consent of [his or her] **the child's parent** [, legal custodian or guardian. Such work shall include the use of lawn and garden machinery in domestic service at or around a private residence, provided that, there shall be an agreement between an occupant of the private residence and the child, and by no other person, firm or corporation, other than a parent, legal custodian or guardian of the child, for the performance of such work]. **A child may operate lawn and garden machinery as specified in subsection (1) of section 294.040, provided that, no child shall be permitted to engage in any activities prohibited by section 294.040;**

(d) Participating in a youth sporting event as a referee, coach or other position necessary to the sporting event; except that, this paragraph shall not include working at a concession stand. For purposes of this paragraph, "youth sporting event" means an event where all players are under the age of eighteen and the event is sponsored and supervised by a public body or a not-for-profit entity]; or

(e) Any other part-time employment performed by a child with the knowledge and consent of his or her parent, legal custodian or guardian not specifically prohibited by section 294.040];

(8) "Parent", a child's parent, legal custodian or guardian.

294.024. A child [who has passed the child's fourteenth birthday but is under sixteen years of age may be employed in any occupation other than the occupations prohibited by this chapter, except that the child] may not be employed during the regular school term unless the child has been issued a work certificate[.] **or** a work permit [issued] pursuant to the provisions of this chapter [or an exemption issued by the director].

294.030. 1. A child [under sixteen years of age] shall not be employed, permitted or suffered to work at any gainful employment for more than three hours per day in any school day, more than eight hours in any nonschool day, more than six days or forty hours in any week. Normal work hours shall not begin before seven o'clock in the morning nor extend to after 9:00 p.m., except as provided in subsection 2 of this section. The provisions of this subsection may be waived by the director, in full or in part, depending upon the nature of the employment. Such waiver shall be provided in writing to the employer by the director. **The waiver shall only exempt employment described in section 294.022.**

2. On all evenings from Labor Day to June first, a child [under sixteen years of age] shall not be employed, permitted or suffered to work at any gainful employment after 7:00 p.m. nor after 9:00 p.m. from June first to Labor Day; except that a child who has passed his or her fourteenth birthday but is under sixteen years of age may be employed at a regional fair from June first to Labor Day, if such child does not work after 10:30 p.m., is supervised by an adult, parental consent is given and the provisions of this subsection are complied with. The [provisions of this subsection] **regional fair exception** shall not apply to those entities covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to children who have been permanently excused from school pursuant to the provisions of chapter 167, RSMo. The provisions of this subsection may be waived by the director, in full or in part, depending upon the nature of the employment. Such waiver shall be provided in writing to the employer by the director. The waiver shall only exempt employment described in section 294.022.

294.043. No child under [sixteen] **eighteen** years of age shall be employed or permitted to work in any street occupation connected with peddling, begging, door-to-door selling or any activity pursued on or about any public street or public place [until the employer has received written permission from the director of the division of labor standards]. This prohibition does not apply to any public school or church or charitable fund-raising activity.

294.060. 1. Whenever a child [under sixteen years of age] is granted a work certificate or work permit, the certificate or work permit shall be transmitted by the issuing officer to the employer of the child and a copy shall be [mailed] **transmitted** to the division. The employer shall keep the work certificate or work permit on file and shall post in a conspicuous place in the employer's place of business a list of all children who are employed and under the age of sixteen.

2. On termination of the employment of the child, the child's work certificate or work permit shall be sent immediately by the employer to the officer who issued it.

3. A new certificate or work permit may be issued for a child whose certificate or work permit has been returned by the employer to the issuing officer.

4. A copy of each work certificate or work permit issued and notice of its cancellation shall be retained by the issuing officer and a copy shall be [mailed] **transmitted** by the issuing officer to the division.

294.090. 1. The director is charged with the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter and all other laws regulating the employment of children. The director is vested with the power and jurisdiction to exercise such supervision over every employment as may be necessary to adequately enforce and administer the provisions of this chapter, including the right to enter any place where children are employed and to inspect the premises and to [call for and inspect] **require the production of** work certificates or work permits and any other necessary documents specifically requested that involve the employment of children.

2. **Every employer subject to any provision of sections 294.005 to 294.150 or any regulation issued pursuant to sections 294.005 to 294.150 shall make and keep for a period of not less than two years, on the premises where any child is employed, the work certificate, a record of the name, address, and age of the child, and times and hours worked by the child each day.**

3. **All records and information obtained by the division pertaining to minors are confidential and personal identifying information shall be disclosed only by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.**

4. If it appears that a work certificate or work permit has been improperly granted or illegally used, or the child is being injured, or is likely to be injured by the employment, this fact shall be reported to the issuing officer who shall cancel the work certificate or work permit. Notice in writing of the cancellation, with reasons therefor, shall be [mailed] **transmitted** immediately to the child and to the person employing the child, and thereafter it shall be unlawful for any such person to continue to employ the child.

294.121. 1. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this chapter shall in addition to the criminal violation in section 294.110 be civilly liable for damages of not less than fifty dollars but not more than one thousand dollars for each violation. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. Each child employed or permitted to work in violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate violation. The director may bring the civil action to enforce the provisions of this chapter. The attorney general may, on behalf of the director, bring suit pursuant to this section.

2. The director shall determine the amount of civil damages to request in the suit based on the nature and gravity of the violation. **The director shall also consider the size of the business when determining the appropriate civil damages. The size of the business shall be determined by the number of people employed by that business.** A request for the maximum civil damages shall be justified by the following, **to be considered individually or in combination:**

(1) The likelihood of injury and the seriousness of the potential injuries to which the child has been exposed;

(2) The business or employer has had multiple violations;

- (3) The business or employer has had recurring violations;
- (4) Employment of any child in a hazardous or detrimental occupation;
- (5) Violations involving children under fourteen years of age;
- (6) A substantial number of hours worked in excess of the statutory limit;
- (7) Falsification or concealment of information regarding the employment of children;
- (8) Failure to assure future compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

3. If the director decides to seek civil damages as provided by this section, the director shall notify, by certified mail, the person, firm or corporation charged with the violation. The notice of violation shall include the following:

- (1) The nature of the violation;
- (2) The date of the violation;
- (3) The name of the child or children involved in the violation;
- (4) The amount of civil damages the director is requesting;
- (5) The terms and conditions for any settlement agreement; and
- (6) The right to contest the director's decision to seek civil damages.

4. The initial violation determination from the division shall be final, unless within twenty calendar days after the division mails the violation determination or notification, the person, firm or corporation charged with the violation notifies the director in writing that the violation determination is being contested.

5. The parties named in the violation determination may contest the violation determination if a written notice appealing the violation determination is received by the director within twenty calendar days after the division mailed the violation determination. The director shall set a meeting with the parties contesting the findings in order to review the findings of the division. After review of the findings, the director may hold that the findings support the violation determination or the director may issue a revised violation determination.

6. If the parties cited in the subsequent violation determination disagree with the violation determination of the director, then the parties cited in the subsequent violation determination may contest the subsequent determination by filing a written appeal with the department director. The appeal contesting the subsequent determination shall be sent to the department director in time to be received within twenty calendar days after the division mailed the subsequent violation determination from the director. If the director does not receive the written appeal within twenty calendar days after the division mailed the subsequent violation determination then the determination of the director shall be final. If the subsequent written appeal is received within the twenty-calendar-day period, then the department director, or the department director's designee, shall set a meeting with the parties contesting the findings in order to review the findings of the division and the director. After review of the findings, the department director, or the department director's designee, may hold that the findings of the

division and the director to support the violation determination or the department director, or the department director's designee, may issue a revised violation determination.

7. The determination of the department director or the department director's designee shall be the final determination pertaining to the violation determinations, unless judicial review is sought under chapter 536, RSMo.

8. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all penalties, forfeitures and fines, whether administrative or civil, collected by the state of Missouri, or any official, department, division or agency of the state pursuant to chapter 294 shall be distributed to the county school funds as provided in article IX, section 7 of the constitution.

294.141. The records of the division shall constitute prima facie evidence of the date of [mailing] **transmission** of any notice, determination or other paper [mailed] **transmission** pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

452.402. 1. The court may grant reasonable visitation rights to the grandparents of the child and issue any necessary orders to enforce the decree. The court may grant grandparent visitation when:

(1) The parents of the child have filed for a dissolution of their marriage. A grandparent shall have the right to intervene in any dissolution action solely on the issue of visitation rights. Grandparents shall also have the right to file a motion to modify the original decree of dissolution to seek visitation rights when such rights have been denied to them;

(2) One parent of the child is deceased and the surviving parent denies reasonable visitation rights **to a parent of the deceased parent of the child;**

(3) **The child has resided in the grandparent's home for at least six months within the twenty-four month period immediately preceding the filing of the petition;**

(4) A grandparent is unreasonably denied visitation with the child for a period exceeding ninety days. **However, if the natural parents are legally married to each other and are living together with the child, a grandparent may not file for visitation pursuant to this subdivision;** or

[(4)] (5) The child is adopted by a stepparent, another grandparent or other blood relative.

2. The court shall determine if the visitation by the grandparent would be in the child's best interest or if it would endanger the child's physical health or impair the child's emotional development. Visitation may only be ordered when the court finds such visitation to be in the best interests of the child. **However, when the parents of the child are legally married to each other and are living together with the child, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that such parents know what is in the best interest of the child.** The court may order reasonable conditions or restrictions on grandparent visitation.

3. If the court finds it to be in the best interests of the child, the court may appoint a guardian ad litem for the child. The guardian ad litem shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri. The guardian ad litem may, for the purpose of determining the question of grandparent visitation rights, participate in the proceedings as if such guardian ad litem were a party. The court shall enter judgment allowing a reasonable fee to the guardian ad litem.

4. A home study, as described by section 452.390, may be ordered by the court to assist in determining the best interests of the child.

5. The court may, in its discretion, consult with the child regarding the child's wishes in determining the best interest of the child.

6. The right of a grandparent to seek or maintain visitation rights pursuant to this section may terminate upon the adoption of the child.

7. The court may award reasonable attorneys fees and expenses to the prevailing party.

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