SECOND REGULAR SESSION SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, April 22, 2010, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 32.056, 58.370, 66.010, 105.726, 193.125, 193.255, 210.145, 210.150, 210.152, 211.031, 452.340, 452.377, 452.430, 454.425, 454.475, 454.515, 454.517, 454.548, 454.557, 454.1003, 455.501, 484.053, 484.350, 494.455, 517.081, 525.233, 537.296, 542.286, 559.036, and 565.035, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof forty new sections relating to court procedures, with penalty provisions and an emergency clause for a certain section.

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

Section A. Sections 32.056, 58.370, 66.010, 105.726, 193.125, 193.255,

- 2 210.145, 210.150, 210.152, 211.031, 452.340, 452.377, 452.430, 454.425, 454.475,
- 3 454.515, 454.517, 454.548, 454.557, 454.1003, 455.501, 484.053, 484.350, 494.455,
- 4-517.081, 525.233, 537.296, 542.286, 559.036, and 565.035, RSMo, are repealed and
- forty new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 32.056, 50.567,
- 6 58.370, 66.010, 105.726, 193.125, 193.128, 193.132, 193.255, 210.145, 210.150,
- $7 \quad 210.152, 211.031, 452.340, 452.377, 452.430, 454.425, 454.475, 454.515, 454.517,$
- 8 454.548, 454.557, 454.1003, 455.007, 455.501, 484.053, 484.350, 494.455, 517.081,
- 9 525.233, 537.296, 537.800, 537.802, 537.804, 537.806, 537.808, 537.810, 542.286,
- 10 559.036, and 565.035, to read as follows:

32.056. The department of revenue shall not release the home address or

- 2 any other information contained in the department's motor vehicle or driver
- 3 registration records regarding any person who is a county, state or federal parole
- 4 officer [or who is], a federal pretrial officer [or who is], a peace officer pursuant
- 5 to section [590.100] 590.010, RSMo, a person vested by article V, section 1
- 6 of the Missouri Constitution with the judicial power of the state, a

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member of the federal judiciary, or a member of [the parole officer's, pretrial officer's or peace officer's such person's immediate family based on a specific request for such information from any person. Any such person [who is a county, 10 state or federal parole officer or who is a federal pretrial officer or who is a peace officer pursuant to section 590.100, RSMo, may notify the department of [such] 11 their status and the department shall protect the confidentiality of the records on such a person and his or her immediate family as required by this 13 14 section. This section shall not prohibit the department from releasing 15information on a motor registration list pursuant to section 32.055 or from releasing information on any officer who holds a class A, B or C commercial 16 driver's license pursuant to the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999, 17as amended, 49 U.S.C. 31309. 18

50.567. In every county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants the chief governing body of such county shall establish a "Jury Service Expense Fund" for the purpose of aiding with payment of expenses related to compensation of jurors for jury service under the provisions of subsection 4 of section 494.455. The fund shall consist of moneys collected in the basic funding for jury service calculated at the rate of six dollars per day. The fund shall be administered by the court en banc of the judicial circuit and may be audited as are all other county funds.

58.370. The coroner, upon an inquisition found before him of the death of any person by the felony of another, shall speedily inform [one or more associate circuit judges] the prosecuting attorney of the proper county[, or some judge or justice of some court of record, and it shall be the duty of such officer forthwith to issue his process for the apprehension and securing for trial of such person] of the result of the inquisition.

66.010. 1. Any county framing and adopting a charter for its own government under the provisions of section 18, article VI of the constitution of this state, may prosecute and punish violations of its county ordinances in the circuit court of such counties in the manner and to the extent herein provided or in a county municipal court. In addition, the county may prosecute and punish municipal ordinance violations in the county municipal court pursuant to a contract with any municipality within the county. Any county municipal court established pursuant to the provisions of this section shall have jurisdiction over

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9 violations of that county's ordinances and the ordinances of municipalities with 10 which the county has a contract to prosecute and punish violations of municipal 11 ordinances of the city. Costs and procedures in any such county municipal court 12 shall be governed by the provisions of law relating to municipal ordinance 13 violations in municipal divisions of circuit courts.

- 2. In any county which has elected to establish a county municipal court pursuant to this section, the judges for such court shall be appointed by the county executive of such county, subject to confirmation by the legislative body of such county in the same manner as confirmation for other county appointed officers. The number of judges appointed, and qualifications for their appointment, shall be established by ordinance of the county.
- 3. The number of divisions of such county municipal court and its term shall be established by ordinance of the county.
- 4. Except in any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, the ordinance of the county shall provide for regular sessions of court in the evening hours after 6:00 p.m. and at locations outside the county seat. In any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, the ordinance of the county may provide for regular sessions of court in the evening hours after 6:00 p.m. and at locations outside the county seat.
- 5. Judges of the county municipal court shall be licensed to practice law in this state and shall [be residents of the county in which they serve] meet any other requirements established by ordinance. Municipal court judges shall not accept or handle cases in their practice of law which are inconsistent with their duties as a municipal court judge and shall not be a judge or prosecutor for any other court.
- 6. In establishing the county municipal court, provisions shall be made for appropriate circumstances whereby defendants may enter not guilty pleas and obtain trial dates by telephone or written communication without personal appearance, or to plead guilty and deliver by mail or electronic transfer or other approved method the specified amount of the fine and costs as otherwise provided by law, within a specified period of time.
- 7. In a county municipal court established pursuant to this section, the county may provide by ordinance for court costs not to exceed the sum which may be provided by municipalities for municipal violations before municipal

courts. The county municipal judge may assess costs against a defendant who pleads guilty or is found guilty except in those cases where the defendant is found by the judge to be indigent and unable to pay the costs. The costs authorized in this subsection are in addition to service costs, witness fees and jail costs that may otherwise be authorized to be assessed, but are in lieu of other court or judge costs or fees. Such costs shall be collected by the authorized clerk and deposited into the county treasury.

- 8. Provisions shall be made for recording of proceedings, except that if such proceedings are not recorded, then, in that event, a person aggrieved by a judgment of a traffic judge or commissioner shall have the right of a trial de novo. The procedures for perfecting the right of a trial de novo shall be the same as that provided under sections 512.180 to 512.320, RSMo, except that the provisions of subsection 2 of section 512.180, RSMo, shall not apply to such cases. In the event that such proceedings are recorded, all final decisions of the county municipal court shall be appealable on such record to the appellate court with appropriate jurisdiction.
- 9. Any person charged with the violation of a county ordinance in a county which has established a county municipal court under the provisions of this section shall, upon request, be entitled to a trial by jury before a county municipal court judge. Any jury trial shall be heard with a record being made.
- 10. In the event that a court is established pursuant to this section, the circuit judges of the judicial circuit with jurisdiction within that county may authorize the judges of the county municipal court to act as commissioners to hear in the first instance nonfelony violations of state law involving motor vehicles as provided by local rule.
- 105.726. 1. Nothing in sections 105.711 to 105.726 shall be construed to broaden the liability of the state of Missouri beyond the provisions of sections 537.600 to 537.610, RSMo, nor to abolish or waive any defense at law which might otherwise be available to any agency, officer, or employee of the state of Missouri. Sections 105.711 to 105.726 do not waive the sovereign immunity of the state of Missouri.
 - 2. The creation of the state legal expense fund and the payment therefrom of such amounts as may be necessary for the benefit of any person covered thereby are deemed necessary and proper public purposes for which funds of this state may be expended.
- 80 3. Moneys in the state legal expense fund shall not be available for the

payment of any claim or any amount required by any final judgment rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction against a board of police commissioners established under chapter 84, RSMo, including the commissioners, any police officer, notwithstanding sections 84.330 and 84.710, RSMo, or other provisions of law, other employees, agents, representative, or any other individual or entity acting or purporting to act on its or their behalf. Such was the intent of the general assembly in the original enactment of sections 105.711 to 105.726, and it is made express by this section in light of the decision in Wayman Smith, III, et al. v. State of Missouri, 152 S.W.3d 275. [Except that the commissioner of administration shall reimburse from the legal expense fund any board of police commissioners established under chapter 84, RSMo, for liability claims otherwise eligible for payment under section 105.711 paid by such boards on an equal share basis per claim up to a maximum of one million dollars per fiscal year.]

- 4. If the representation of the attorney general is requested by a board of police commissioners, the attorney general [shall] may represent, investigate, defend, negotiate, or compromise all claims under sections 105.711 to 105.726 for the board of police commissioners, any police officer, other employees, agents, representatives, or any other individual or entity acting or purporting to act on their behalf. The attorney general may establish procedures by rules promulgated under chapter 536, RSMo, under which claims must be referred for the attorney general's representation. The attorney general and the officials of the city which the police board represents shall meet and negotiate reasonable expenses or charges that will fairly compensate the attorney general and the office of administration for the cost of the representation of the claims under this section.
- [5. Claims tendered to the attorney general promptly after the claim was asserted as required by section 105.716 and prior to August 28, 2005, may be investigated, defended, negotiated, or compromised by the attorney general and full payments may be made from the state legal expense fund on behalf of the entities and individuals described in this section as a result of the holding in Wayman Smith, III, et al. v. State of Missouri, 152 S.W.3d 275.]
- 193.125. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Debbi 2 Daniel Law".
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of this section, 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

- 6 prescribed or approved by the state registrar. The certificate of decree of
 7 adoption shall include such facts as are necessary to locate and identify the
 8 certificate of birth of the person adopted, and shall provide information necessary
 9 to establish a new certificate of birth of the person adopted and shall identify the
 10 court and county of the adoption and be certified by the clerk of the court. The
 11 state registrar shall file the original certificate of birth with the certificate of
 12 decree of adoption and such file may be opened by the state registrar only upon
 13 receipt of a certified copy of an order as decreed by the court of adoption or in
 14 accordance with section 193.128.
 - 3. No new certificate of birth shall be established following an adoption by a stepparent if so requested by the adoptive parent or the adoptive stepparent of the child.
 - 4. 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.
 - 5. 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.
 - 6. 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.
 - 7. 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.
 - 8. 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. The state registrar shall file the certificate of the decree of

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42 adoption, and such documents may be opened by the state registrar only by an 43 order of court. The birth certificate prepared under this subsection shall have the 44 same legal weight as evidence as a delayed or altered birth certificate as provided 45 in section 193.235.

- 9. 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. 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.
- 10. 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 this section and shall be prepared on a certificate of live birth form.
- 11. 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 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

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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.

- 193.128. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an adopted person, the adopted person's attorney, or the adopted person's descendants, if the adopted person is deceased, may obtain a copy of such adopted person's original certificate of birth from the state registrar in accordance with this section.
- 6 2. In order for an adopted person to receive a copy of his or her 7 original certificate of birth, the adopted person shall:
 - (1) Be at least eighteen years of age;
 - (2) Have been born in this state;
- 10 (3) File a written application with and provide appropriate proof 11 of identification to the state registrar; and
- 12 (4) If included with the copy of the original birth certificate, 13 agree in writing to abide by the birth parent's preference stated in the 14 contact preference form attached to the adopted person's original birth 15 certificate in accordance with section 193.132.
- 3. The state registrar may require a waiting period and impose a fee for issuance of the uncertified copy under subsection 4 of this section. The fees and waiting period imposed under this subsection shall be identical to the fees and waiting period generally imposed on persons seeking their own birth certificates.
 - 4. Upon receipt of a written application and proof of identification under subsection 2 of this section and fulfillment of the requirements of subsection 3 of this section, the state registrar shall issue an uncertified copy of the unaltered original birth certificate to the applicant. The copy of the birth certificate shall have the following statement printed on it: "for informational purposes only not to be used for establishing identity". If a contact preference and medical history form has been completed and submitted to the state registrar under section 193.132, the state registrar shall also provide such information.
- 5. The provisions of subsections 1 to 4 of this section shall not apply to adoptions instituted or completed prior to August 28, 2010, except that a copy of a medical history form, which has had all

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identifying information redacted, shall be issued to such adopted 34 35 person. For adoptions instituted or completed prior to August 28, 2010, 36 the state registrar shall follow the provisions of this subsection and shall release the original certificate of birth only if the birth mother is 37deceased. If the birth mother is not deceased, the state registrar shall, 38 within three months of application by the adopted person, make 39 reasonable efforts to contact the birth mother via telephone or United 40 States mail, personally and confidentially, to obtain the birth mother's 41 42consent or denial to release the original certificate of birth. If the state registrar does not have sufficient information or resources to locate 43 44 and make contact with the birth mother, the state registrar may refer the adopted person to, or work in conjunction with, the child placing 45agency or the juvenile court to make the contact and conduct the 46 search as provided in section 453.121. The state registrar, the child 4748 placing agency, or the juvenile court personnel may charge actual costs to the adopted person for the cost of making such search of the birth 49 mother. If the state registrar has been unable to contact the birth 50 51 mother within three months, the state registrar shall not release the 52certificate of birth. The adopted person may reapply for a copy of his 53 or her original certificate of birth within one year from the end of the 54 three-month period during which the attempted contact with the birth mother was previously made. The state registrar shall not release the 55 56 certificate of birth until the birth mother submits a subsequent written consent for release. If the birth mother gives her consent, the state 57 registrar, the child placing agency, or the juvenile court shall also 58 release to the adopted person the identifying information obtained as 59 60 a result of the search.

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6. The state registrar shall develop by rule the application form required by this section and may adopt other rules for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, 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, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of

- 71 $\,$ rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August
- 72 28, 2010, shall be invalid and void.
- 73 7. Nothing in this section shall be construed as violating the
- 74 provisions of section 453.121.
 - 193.132. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:
- 2 (1) "Adoptee", the person who is the subject of a birth certificate;
- 3 (2) "Birth parent", the person who is the biological parent of an 4 adoptee and who is named as the parent on the original birth 5 certificate of the adoptee;
- 6 (3) "Contact preference form", the form developed by the state 7 registrar under subsection 4 of this section;
- 8 (4) "Medical history form", the form developed by the state 9 registrar under subsection 3 of this section. At a minimum, such form 10 shall include medical history information regarding:
- 11 (a) Congenital or genetic history;
- 12 (b) Psychosocial history;
- 13 (c) Chronic diseases;
- 14 (d) Infectious diseases;
- 15 (e) Allergies;

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- 16 (f) Pregnancy and birth history; and
- 17 (g) Deaths of birth family members that may affect the medical 18 history.
- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state registrar shall develop and, upon request, provide each birth parent with a contact preference form and a medical history form as described in this section.
- 3. A birth parent may use a medical history form to describe his or her medical history. A birth parent shall fill out a medical history form if such birth parent also fills out a contact preference form.
 - 4. The birth parent may state a preference regarding contact by an adoptee on a contact preference form. The form shall contain the following statements from which the birth parent may choose only one:
- 29 (1) "I would like to be contacted. I have completed this contact 30 preference form and a medical history form and am filing both forms 31 with the State Registrar.";
- (2) "I would prefer to be contacted only through an intermediary.
 I have completed this contact preference form and a medical history

34 form and am filing both with the State Registrar."; or

- 35 (3) "Do not contact me. I may change this preference by filling 36 out another contact preference form. I have completed this contact 37 preference form and a medical history form and am filing both with the 38 State Registrar.".
- 5. Upon receipt of a completed contact preference form and a medical history form, the state registrar shall attach the completed forms to the original birth certificate of the adoptee. A completed contact preference form and medical history form shall have the same level of confidentiality as the original birth certificate.
- 6. The state registrar shall develop by rule the forms required by 44 this section and may adopt other rules for the administration of this 45section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 46 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section 47shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of 48 the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This 49 section and chapter 536, are nonseverable and if any of the powers 50 51vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to 52delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are 53 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking 54authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2010, shall be invalid and void. 55
- 7. Nothing in this section shall be construed as violating the provisions of section 453.121.

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 or her custody or a part thereof to any applicant having a direct and tangible interest in the vital record. Each copy issued shall show the date of registration, and 5 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 8 procedures used in the issuance of certified copies of vital records in the state 10 shall be provided or approved by the state registrar. In accordance with sections 193.128 and 193.132, the state registrar and other custodians 11 of vital records authorized by the state registrar to issue copies of vital records shall issue an uncertified copy of an original birth certificate, 13

- contact preference form, and medical history form to an adopted person. The state registrar may impose a minimal fee to the adopted person for the costs of providing copies of the contact preference form and medical history form.
 - 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 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.
- 7. Upon application from either parent, or if both parents are deceased, the sibling of the stillborn child, pursuant to subsection 7 of section 193.165, the

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state registrar or other custodians of vital records shall issue to such applicant 50 a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth. The certificate shall be based upon 51 the information available from the spontaneous fetal death report filed pursuant 5253 to section 193.165. Any certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth issued shall conspicuously include, in no smaller than twelve-point type, the statement "This 5455 is not proof of a live birth.". No certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth shall be issued to any person other than a parent, or if both parents are deceased, the 56 57 sibling of the stillborn child who files an application pursuant to section 58 193.165. The state registrar or other custodians of vital records are authorized to charge a minimal fee to such applicant to cover the actual costs of providing 59 60 the certificate pursuant to this section.

- 8. Any parent, or if both parents are deceased, any sibling of the stillborn child may file an application for a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth for a birth that resulted in stillbirth prior to August 28, 2004.
 - 210.145. 1. The division shall develop protocols which give priority to:
- 2 (1) Ensuring the well-being and safety of the child in instances where 3 child abuse or neglect has been alleged;
- 4 (2) Promoting the preservation and reunification of children and families 5 consistent with state and federal law;
 - (3) Providing due process for those accused of child abuse or neglect; and
 - (4) Maintaining 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. The division shall utilize structured decision-making protocols for classification purposes of all child abuse and neglect reports. The protocols developed by the division shall give priority to ensuring the well-being and safety of the child. All child abuse and neglect reports shall be initiated within twenty-four hours and shall be classified based upon the reported risk and injury to the child. The division shall promulgate rules regarding the structured decision-making protocols to be utilized for all child abuse and neglect reports.
 - 3. Upon receipt of a report, the division shall determine if the report merits investigation, including reports 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 crimes 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, 573.035, 573.037, or 573.040, RSMo, or an attempt to commit any such crimes. The division shall immediately communicate all reports that merit investigation 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.

- 4. The local office shall contact the appropriate law enforcement agency immediately upon receipt of a report which division personnel determine merits an investigation and 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.
- 5. The local office of the division shall cause an investigation or family assessment and services approach to be initiated in accordance with the protocols established in subsection 2 of this section, 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. If the parents of the child are not the alleged abusers, a parent of the child must be notified prior to the child being interviewed by the division. If the abuse is alleged to have occurred in a school or child-care facility the division shall not meet with the child in any school building or child-care facility building where abuse of such child is alleged to have occurred. When the child is reported absent from the

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residence, the location and the well-being of the child shall be verified. For purposes of this subsection, child-care facility shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in section 210.201.

- 6. 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 superintendent of each school district shall designate a specific person or persons to act as the public school district liaison. Should the subject child attend a nonpublic school the chief investigator shall notify the school principal of the investigation. Upon notification of an investigation, all information received by the public school district liaison or the school shall be subject to the provisions of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C., Section 1232g, and federal rule 34 C.F.R., Part 99.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
 - 10. Multidisciplinary teams shall be used whenever conducting the

95 investigation as determined by the division in conjunction with local law 96 enforcement. Multidisciplinary teams shall be used in providing protective or 97 preventive social services, including the services of law enforcement, a liaison of 98 the local public school, the juvenile officer, the juvenile court, and other agencies, 99 both public and private.

- 11. For all family support team meetings involving an alleged victim of child abuse or neglect, the parents, legal counsel for the parents, foster parents, the legal guardian or custodian of the child, the guardian ad litem for the child, and the volunteer advocate for the child shall be provided notice and be permitted to attend all such meetings. Family members, other than alleged perpetrators, or other community informal or formal service providers that provide significant support to the child and other individuals may also be invited at the discretion of the parents of the child. In addition, the parents, the legal counsel for the parents, the legal guardian or custodian and the foster parents may request that other individuals, other than alleged perpetrators, be permitted to attend such team meetings. Once a person is provided notice of or attends such team meetings, the division or the convenor of the meeting shall provide such persons with notice of all such subsequent meetings involving the child. Families may determine whether individuals invited at their discretion shall continue to be invited.
- 12. 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.
- 13. If the appropriate local division personnel determines to use a family 124 assessment and services approach, the division shall:
- 125 (1) Assess any service needs of the family. The assessment of risk and 126 service needs shall be based on information gathered from the family and other 127 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.
- 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] forty-five working days, unless good cause for the failure to complete the investigation is documented in the information system. If a child involved in a pending investigation dies, the investigation shall remain open until the division's investigation surrounding the death is completed. If the investigation is not completed within [thirty] forty-five working 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.
- 15. No determination of the division shall be entered in the central registry until:
- (1) The alleged perpetrator fails to request review by the child abuse and neglect review board or trial de novo in the circuit court within the thirty-day period provided in subsection 3 of section 210.152; or
 - (2) A determination is made by the child abuse and neglect

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review board that the alleged perpetrator has committed child abuse or neglect.

- 169 16. A person required to report under section 210.115 to the division and any person making a report of child abuse or neglect made to the division which 170 is not made anonymously shall be informed by the division of his or her right to 171 172obtain information concerning the disposition of his or her report. Such person 173 shall receive, from the local office, if requested, information on the general disposition of his or her report. Such person may receive, if requested, findings 174and information concerning the case. Such release of information shall be at the 175 176 discretion of the director based upon a review of the reporter's ability to assist in 177protecting the child or the potential harm to the child or other children within the 178 family. The local office shall respond to the request within forty-five days. The 179 findings shall be made available to the reporter within five days of the outcome of the investigation. If the report is determined to be unsubstantiated, the 180 reporter may request that the report be referred by the division to the office of 181 182 child advocate for children's protection and services established in sections 37.700 183 to 37.730, RSMo. Upon request by a reporter under this subsection, the division shall refer an unsubstantiated report of child abuse or neglect to the office of 184 185 child advocate for children's protection and services.
- 186 [16.] 17. In any judicial proceeding involving the custody of a child the 187 fact that a report may have been made pursuant to sections 210.109 to 210.183 188 shall not be admissible. However:
- 189 (1) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the introduction of evidence 190 from independent sources to support the allegations that may have caused a 191 report to have been made; and
 - (2) The court may on its own motion, or shall if requested by a party to the proceeding, make an inquiry not on the record with the children's division to determine if such a report has been made. If a report has been made, the court may stay the custody proceeding until the children's division completes its investigation.
- [17.] 18. In any judicial proceeding involving the custody of a child where the court determines that the child is in need of services pursuant to **paragraph** (d) of subdivision [(d)] (1) 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.
- 202 [18.] 19. The children's division 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

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206 [19.] 20. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 207 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall 208 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of 209 chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and 210 chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the 211general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective 212 date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, 213 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after 214 August 28, 2000, shall be invalid and void.

210.150. 1. The children's division shall ensure the confidentiality of all reports and records made pursuant to sections 210.109 to 210.183 and maintained by the division, its local offices, the central registry, and other appropriate persons, officials, and institutions pursuant to sections 210.109 to 210.183. To protect the rights of the family and the child named in the report as a victim, the 5 children's division shall establish guidelines which will ensure that any disclosure 6 of information concerning the abuse and neglect involving that child is made only 8 to persons or agencies that have a right to such information. The division may require persons to make written requests for access to records maintained by the 10 division. The division shall only release information to persons who have a right 11 to such information. The division shall notify persons receiving information pursuant to subdivisions (2), (7), (8) and (9) of subsection 2 of this section of the 12 purpose for which the information is released and of the penalties for 13 unauthorized dissemination of information. Such information shall be used only 14 for the purpose for which the information is released. 15

- 16 2. Only the following persons shall have access to investigation records contained in the central registry:
- 18 (1) Appropriate federal, state or local criminal justice agency personnel, 19 or any agent of such entity, with a need for such information under the law to 20 protect children from abuse or neglect;
 - (2) A physician or a designated agent who reasonably believes that the child being examined may be abused or neglected;
- 23 (3) Appropriate staff of the division and of its local offices, including 24 interdisciplinary teams which are formed to assist the division in investigation,

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evaluation and treatment of child abuse and neglect cases or a multidisciplinary provider of professional treatment services for a child referred to the provider;

- (4) Any child named in the report as a victim, or a legal representative, or the parent, if not the alleged perpetrator, or guardian of such person when such person is a minor, or is mentally ill or otherwise incompetent, but the names of reporters shall not be furnished to persons in this category. Prior to the release of any identifying information, the division shall determine if the release of such identifying information may place a person's life or safety in danger. If the division makes the determination that a person's life or safety may be in danger, the identifying information shall not be released. The division shall provide a method for confirming or certifying that a designee is acting on behalf of a subject;
- (5) Any alleged perpetrator named in the report, but the names of reporters shall not be furnished to persons in this category. Prior to the release of any identifying information, the division shall determine if the release of such identifying information may place a person's life or safety in danger. If the division makes the determination that a person's life or safety may be in danger, the identifying information shall not be released. However, the investigation reports [will] shall not be released to any alleged perpetrator with [pending] potential criminal charges arising out of the facts and circumstances named in the investigation records until an indictment is returned or an information filed or, one year after the division has notified in writing the prosecuting attorney in the jurisdiction where the acts forming the basis of the report are alleged to have occurred, whichever occurs first. The prosecuting attorney may petition the circuit court of such jurisdiction to extend the one-year period for good cause shown, for such time as the court may determine is necessary to complete the investigation and to file any appropriate charges;
- (6) A grand jury, juvenile officer, prosecuting attorney, law enforcement officer involved in the investigation of child abuse or neglect, juvenile court or other court conducting abuse or neglect or child protective proceedings or child custody proceedings, and other federal, state and local government entities, or any agent of such entity, with a need for such information in order to carry out its responsibilities under the law to protect children from abuse or neglect;
- (7) Any person engaged in a bona fide research purpose, with the permission of the director; provided, however, that no information identifying the

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child named in the report as a victim or the reporters shall be made available to the researcher, unless the identifying information is essential to the research or evaluation and the child named in the report as a victim or, if the child is less than eighteen years of age, through the child's parent, or guardian provides written permission;

- (8) Any child-care facility; child-placing agency; residential-care facility, including group homes; juvenile courts; public or private elementary schools; public or private secondary schools; or any other public or private agency exercising temporary supervision over a child or providing or having care or custody of a child who may request an examination of the central registry from the division for all employees and volunteers or prospective employees and volunteers, who do or will provide services or care to children. Any agency or business recognized by the division or business which provides training and places or recommends people for employment or for volunteers in positions where they will provide services or care to children may request the division to provide an examination of the central registry. Such agency or business shall provide verification of its status as a recognized agency. Requests for examinations shall be made to the division director or the director's designee in writing by the chief administrative officer of the above homes, centers, public and private elementary schools, public and private secondary schools, agencies, or courts. The division shall respond in writing to that officer. The response shall include information pertaining to the nature and disposition of any report or reports of abuse or neglect revealed by the examination of the central registry. This response shall not include any identifying information regarding any person other than the alleged perpetrator of the abuse or neglect;
- (9) Any parent or legal guardian who inquires about a child abuse or neglect report involving a specific person or child-care facility who does or may provide services or care to a child of the person requesting the information. Request for examinations shall be made to the division director or the director's designee, in writing, by the parent or legal guardian of the child and shall be accompanied with a signed and notarized release form from the person who does or may provide care or services to the child. The notarized release form shall include the full name, date of birth and Social Security number of the person who does or may provide care or services to a child. The response shall include information pertaining to the nature and disposition of any report or reports of abuse or neglect revealed by the examination of the central

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- registry. This response shall not include any identifying information regarding 97 98 any person other than the alleged perpetrator of the abuse or neglect. The response shall be given within ten working days of the time it was received by the 99 100 division;
- 101 (10) Any person who inquires about a child abuse or neglect report 102 involving a specific child-care facility, child-placing agency, residential-care 103 facility, public and private elementary schools, public and private secondary schools, juvenile court or other state agency. The information available to these 104 105 persons is limited to the nature and disposition of any report contained in the 106 central registry and shall not include any identifying information pertaining to 107 any person mentioned in the report;
- 108 (11) Any state agency acting pursuant to statutes regarding a license of 109 any person, institution, or agency which provides care for or services to children;
- (12) Any child fatality review panel established pursuant to section 110 210.192 or any state child fatality review panel established pursuant to section 111 210.195; 112
 - (13) Any person who is a tenure-track or full-time research faculty member at an accredited institution of higher education engaged in scholarly research, with the permission of the director. Prior to the release of any identifying information, the director shall require the researcher to present a plan for maintaining the confidentiality of the identifying information. The researcher shall be prohibited from releasing the identifying information of individual cases.
 - 3. Only the following persons shall have access to records maintained by the division pursuant to section 210.152 for which the division has received a report of child abuse and neglect and which the division has determined that there is insufficient evidence or in which the division proceeded with the family assessment and services approach:
 - (1) Appropriate staff of the division;
- (2) Any child named in the report as a victim, or a legal representative, or the parent or guardian of such person when such person is a minor, or is mentally ill or otherwise incompetent. The names or other identifying information of reporters shall not be furnished to persons in this category. Prior to the release of any identifying information, the division shall determine if the 130 release of such identifying information may place a person's life or safety in danger. If the division makes the determination that a person's life or safety may be in danger, the identifying information shall not be released. The division shall

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- (3) Any alleged perpetrator named in the report, but the names of reporters shall not be furnished to persons in this category. Prior to the release of any identifying information, the division shall determine if the release of such identifying information may place a person's life or safety in danger. If the division makes the determination that a person's life or safety may be in danger, the identifying information shall not be released. However, the investigation reports [will] shall not be released to any alleged perpetrator with [pending] potential criminal charges arising out of the facts and circumstances named in the investigation records until an indictment is returned or an information filed or, one year after the division has notified in writing the prosecuting attorney in the jurisdiction where the acts forming the basis of the report are alleged to have occurred, whichever occurs first. The prosecuting attorney may petition the circuit court of such jurisdiction to extend the one-year period for good cause shown, for such time as the court may determine is necessary to complete the investigation and to file any appropriate charges;
- (4) Any child fatality review panel established pursuant to section 210.192
 or any state child fatality review panel established pursuant to section 210.195;
 - (5) Appropriate criminal justice agency personnel or juvenile officer;
 - (6) Multidisciplinary agency or individual including a physician or physician's designee who is providing services to the child or family, with the consent of the parent or guardian of the child or legal representative of the child;
 - (7) Any person engaged in bona fide research purpose, with the permission of the director; provided, however, that no information identifying the subjects of the reports or the reporters shall be made available to the researcher, unless the identifying information is essential to the research or evaluation and the subject, or if a child, through the child's parent or guardian, provides written permission.
- 4. Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this section, or who permits or encourages the unauthorized dissemination of information contained in the information system or the central registry and in reports and records made pursuant to sections 210.109 to 210.183, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 5. Nothing in this section shall preclude the release of findings or

- 169 information about cases which resulted in a child fatality or near fatality. Such
- 170 release is at the sole discretion of the director of the department of social services,
- 171 based upon a review of the potential harm to other children within the immediate
- 172 family.
 - 210.152. 1. All identifying information, including telephone reports
 - 2 reported pursuant to section 210.145, relating to reports of abuse or neglect
 - received by the division shall be retained by the division and removed from the
 - 4 records of the division as follows:
 - 5 (1) For investigation reports contained in the central registry, identifying
 - 6 information shall be retained by the division;
 - 7 (2) (a) For investigation reports initiated against a person required to
 - 8 report pursuant to section 210.115, where insufficient evidence of abuse or neglect
 - 9 is found by the division and where the division determines the allegation of abuse
- 10 or neglect was made maliciously, for purposes of harassment or in retaliation for
- 11 the filing of a report by a person required to report, identifying information shall
- 12 be expunged by the division within forty-five days from the conclusion of the
- 13 investigation;
- 14 (b) For investigation reports, where insufficient evidence of abuse or
- 15 neglect is found by the division and where the division determines the allegation
- 16 of abuse or neglect was made maliciously, for purposes of harassment or in
- 17 retaliation for the filing of a report, identifying information shall be expunged by
- 18 the division within forty-five days from the conclusion of the investigation;
- 19 (c) For investigation reports initiated by a person required to report under
- 20 section 210.115, where insufficient evidence of abuse or neglect is found by the
- 21 division, identifying information shall be retained for five years from the
- 22 conclusion of the investigation. For all other investigation reports where
- 23 insufficient evidence of abuse or neglect is found by the division, identifying
- 24 information shall be retained for two years from the conclusion of the
- 25 investigation.
- 26 Such reports shall include any exculpatory evidence known by the division,
- 27 including exculpatory evidence obtained after the closing of the case. At the end
- 28 of such time period, the identifying information shall be removed from the records
- 29 of the division and destroyed;
- 30 (3) For reports where the division uses the family assessment and services
- 31 approach, identifying information shall be retained by the division;
- 32 (4) For reports in which the division is unable to locate the child alleged

to have been abused or neglected, identifying information shall be retained for ten years from the date of the report and then shall be removed from the records of the division.

- 2. Within ninety days after receipt of a report of abuse or neglect that is investigated, the alleged perpetrator named in the report and the parents of the child named in the report, if the alleged perpetrator is not a parent, shall be notified in writing of any determination made by the division based on the investigation. The notice shall advise either:
- (1) That the division has determined by a probable cause finding prior to August 28, 2004, or by a preponderance of the evidence after August 28, 2004, that abuse or neglect exists and that the division shall retain all identifying information regarding the abuse or neglect; that such information shall remain confidential and will not be released except to law enforcement agencies, prosecuting or circuit attorneys, or as provided in section 210.150; that the alleged perpetrator has [sixty] thirty days from the date of receipt of the notice to seek reversal of the division's determination through a review by the child abuse and neglect review board as provided in subsection 3 of this section; or
- (2) That the division has not made a probable cause finding or determined by a preponderance of the evidence that abuse or neglect exists.
- 3. Any person named in an investigation as a perpetrator who is aggrieved by a determination of abuse or neglect by the division as provided in this section may seek an administrative review by the child abuse and neglect review board pursuant to the provisions of section 210.153. Such request for review shall be made within [sixty] thirty days of notification of the division's decision under this section. In those cases where criminal charges arising out of facts of the investigation are pending, the request for review shall be made within [sixty] thirty days from [the court's final disposition or dismissal of the charges] when an indictment is returned, an information filed, dismissal of the charges or after the division's release of its investigative report to the alleged perpetrator under section 210.150.
- 4. In any such action for administrative review, the child abuse and neglect review board shall sustain the division's determination if such determination was supported by evidence of probable cause prior to August 28, 2004, or is supported by a preponderance of the evidence after August 28, 2004, and is not against the weight of such evidence. The child abuse and neglect review board hearing shall be closed to all persons except the parties, their

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69 attorneys and those persons providing testimony on behalf of the parties.

- 70 5. If the alleged perpetrator is aggrieved by the decision of the child abuse and neglect review board, the alleged perpetrator may seek de novo judicial 71 72review in the circuit court in the county in which the alleged perpetrator resides and in circuits with split venue, in the venue in which the alleged perpetrator 73 74resides, or in Cole County. If the alleged perpetrator is not a resident of the state, proper venue shall be in Cole County. The case may be assigned to the 75family court division where such a division has been established. The request for 76 77 a judicial review shall be made within [sixty] thirty days of notification of the decision of the child abuse and neglect review board decision. In reviewing such 7879 decisions, the circuit court shall provide the alleged perpetrator the opportunity to appear and present testimony. The alleged perpetrator may subpoena any 80 witnesses except the alleged victim or the reporter. However, the circuit court 81 82 shall have the discretion to allow the parties to submit the case upon a stipulated 83 record.
- 6. In any such action for administrative review, the child abuse and neglect review board shall notify the child or the parent, guardian or legal representative of the child that a review has been requested.
 - 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 propercare, 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;
- 24 (2) Involving any child who may be a resident of or found within the 25 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, and except that the juvenile court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the municipal court over any child who is alleged to have violated a municipal curfew ordinance, and except that the juvenile court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court on any child who is alleged to have violated a state or municipal ordinance or regulation prohibiting possession or use of any tobacco product;

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- 55 (4) For the adoption of a person;
- 56 (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. 57
- 58 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 59 60 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 73 74time 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 motion of any child or person seventeen years of age or his or her parent, the court having jurisdiction shall grant one change of judge pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rules;
 - (6) 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.
- 90 3. In any proceeding involving any child or person seventeen years of age

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- 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.
- 95 4. When an investigation by a juvenile officer pursuant to this section 96 reveals that the only basis for action involves an alleged violation of section 97 167.031, RSMo, involving a child who alleges to be home schooled, the juvenile officer shall contact a parent or parents of such child to verify that the child is 98 99 being home schooled and not in violation of section 167.031, RSMo, before making 100 a report of such a violation. Any report of a violation of section 167.031, RSMo, 101 made by a juvenile officer regarding a child who is being home schooled shall be 102 made to the prosecuting attorney of the county where the child legally resides.
 - 452.340. 1. In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation or child support, the court may order either or both parents owing a duty of support to a child of the marriage to pay an amount reasonable or necessary for the support of the child, including an award retroactive to the date of filing the petition, without regard to marital misconduct, after considering all relevant factors including:
 - (1) The financial needs and resources of the child;
 - (2) The financial resources and needs of the parents;
- 9 (3) The standard of living the child would have enjoyed had the marriage 10 not been dissolved;
 - (4) The physical and emotional condition of the child, and the child's educational needs;
- 13 (5) The child's physical and legal custody arrangements, including the 14 amount of time the child spends with each parent and the reasonable expenses 15 associated with the custody or visitation arrangements; and
 - (6) The reasonable work-related child care expenses of each parent.
- 2. The obligation of the parent ordered to make support payments shall abate, in whole or in part, for such periods of time in excess of thirty consecutive days that the other parent has voluntarily relinquished physical custody of a child to the parent ordered to pay child support, notwithstanding any periods of visitation or temporary physical and legal or physical or legal custody pursuant to a judgment of dissolution or legal separation or any modification thereof. In a IV-D case, the family support division may determine the amount of the abatement pursuant to this subsection for any child support order and shall

- record the amount of abatement in the automated child support system record established pursuant to chapter 454, RSMo. If the case is not a IV-D case and upon court order, the circuit clerk shall record the amount of abatement in the automated child support system record established in chapter 454, RSMo.
- 3. Unless the circumstances of the child manifestly dictate otherwise and the court specifically so provides, the obligation of a parent to make child support payments shall terminate when the child:
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- 33 (2) Marries;
- 34 (3) Enters active duty in the military;
- 35 (4) Becomes self-supporting, provided that the custodial parent has 36 relinquished the child from parental control by express or implied consent;
- 37 (5) Reaches age eighteen, unless the provisions of subsection 4 or 5 of this 38 section apply; or
- 39 (6) Reaches age twenty-one, unless the provisions of the child support 40 order specifically extend the parental support order past the child's twenty-first 41 birthday for reasons provided by subsection 4 of this section.
 - 4. If the child is physically or mentally incapacitated from supporting himself and insolvent and unmarried, the court may extend the parental support obligation past the child's eighteenth birthday.
 - 5. If when a child reaches age eighteen, the child is enrolled in and attending a secondary school program of instruction, the parental support obligation shall continue, if the child continues to attend and progresses toward completion of said program, until the child completes such program or reaches age twenty-one, whichever first occurs. If the child is enrolled in an institution of vocational or higher education not later than October first following graduation from a secondary school or completion of a graduation equivalence degree program and so long as the child enrolls for and completes at least twelve hours of credit each semester, not including the summer semester, at an institution of vocational or higher education and achieves grades sufficient to reenroll at such institution, the parental support obligation shall continue until the child completes his or her education, or until the child reaches the age of twenty-one, whichever first occurs. To remain eligible for such continued parental support, at the beginning of each semester the child shall submit to each parent a transcript or similar official document provided by the institution of vocational or higher education which includes the courses the child is enrolled in and has

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61 completed for each term, the grades and credits received for each such course, and 62 an official document from the institution listing the courses which the child is enrolled in for the upcoming term and the number of credits for each such 63 64 course. When enrolled in at least twelve credit hours, if the child receives failing grades in half or more of his or her courseload in any one semester, payment of 65 66 child support may be terminated and shall not be eligible for reinstatement. Upon request for notification of the child's grades by the 67 noncustodial parent, the child shall produce the required documents to the 68 noncustodial parent within thirty days of receipt of grades from the education 69 institution. If the child fails to produce the required documents, payment of child 70 71 support may terminate without the accrual of any child support arrearage and shall not be eligible for reinstatement. If the circumstances of the child 72manifestly dictate, the court may waive the October first deadline for enrollment 73 74required by this subsection. If the child is enrolled in such an institution, the child or parent obligated to pay support may petition the court to amend the 75order to direct the obligated parent to make the payments directly to the child. As 76 used in this section, an "institution of vocational education" means any 77postsecondary training or schooling for which the student is assessed a fee and 78 attends classes regularly. "Higher education" means any community college, 79 80 college, or university at which the child attends classes regularly. A child who 81 has been diagnosed with a developmental disability, as defined in section 630.005, 82 RSMo, or whose physical disability or diagnosed health problem limits the child's 83 ability to carry the number of credit hours prescribed in this subsection, shall remain eligible for child support so long as such child is enrolled in and attending 84 an institution of vocational or higher education, and the child continues to meet 85 the other requirements of this subsection. A child who is employed at least 86 87 fifteen hours per week during the semester may take as few as nine credit hours per semester and remain eligible for child support so long as all other 88 89 requirements of this subsection are complied with.

- 6. The court shall consider ordering a parent to waive the right to claim the tax dependency exemption for a child enrolled in an institution of vocational or higher education in favor of the other parent if the application of state and federal tax laws and eligibility for financial aid will make an award of the exemption to the other parent appropriate.
- 7. The general assembly finds and declares that it is the public policy of this state that frequent, continuing and meaningful contact with both parents

after the parents have separated or dissolved their marriage is in the best interest of the child except for cases where the court specifically finds that such contact is not in the best interest of the child. In order to effectuate this public policy, a court with jurisdiction shall enforce visitation, custody and child support orders in the same manner. A court with jurisdiction may abate, in whole or in part, any past or future obligation of support and may transfer the physical and legal or physical or legal custody of one or more children if it finds that a parent has, without good cause, failed to provide visitation or physical and legal or physical or legal custody to the other parent pursuant to the terms of a judgment of dissolution, legal separation or modifications thereof. The court shall also award, if requested and for good cause shown, reasonable expenses, attorney's fees and court costs incurred by the prevailing party.

- 8. The Missouri supreme court shall have in effect a rule establishing guidelines by which any award of child support shall be made in any judicial or administrative proceeding. Said guidelines shall contain specific, descriptive and numeric criteria which will result in a computation of the support obligation. The guidelines shall address how the amount of child support shall be calculated when an award of joint physical custody results in the child or children spending substantially equal time with both parents. The Missouri supreme court shall publish child support guidelines and specifically list and explain the relevant factors and assumptions that were used to calculate the child support guidelines. Any rule made pursuant to this subsection shall be reviewed by the promulgating body not less than once every four years to ensure that its application results in the determination of appropriate child support award amounts.
- 9. There shall be a rebuttable presumption, in any judicial or administrative proceeding for the award of child support, that the amount of the award which would result from the application of the guidelines established pursuant to subsection 8 of this section is the correct amount of child support to be awarded. A written finding or specific finding on the record in a judicial or administrative proceeding that the application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case, after considering all relevant factors, including the factors set out in subsection 1 of this section, is required if requested by a party and shall be sufficient to rebut the presumption in the case. The written finding or specific finding on the record shall detail the specific relevant factors that required a deviation from the application of the guidelines.

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- 10. Pursuant to this or any other chapter, when a court determines the amount owed by a parent for support provided to a child by another person, other than a parent, prior to the date of filing of a petition requesting support, or when the director of the family support division establishes the amount of state debt due pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 454.465, RSMo, the court or director shall use the guidelines established pursuant to subsection 8 of this section. The amount of child support resulting from the application of the guidelines shall be applied retroactively for a period prior to the establishment of a support order and the length of the period of retroactivity shall be left to the discretion of the court or director. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the amount resulting from application of the guidelines under subsection 8 of this section constitutes the amount owed by the parent for the period prior to the date of the filing of the petition for support or the period for which state debt is being established. In applying the guidelines to determine a retroactive support amount, when information as to average monthly income is available, the court or director may use the average monthly income of the noncustodial parent, as averaged over the period of retroactivity, in determining the amount of presumed child support owed for the period of retroactivity. The court or director may enter a different amount in a particular case upon finding, after consideration of all relevant factors, including the factors set out in subsection 1 of this section, that there is sufficient cause to rebut the presumed amount.
- 11. The obligation of a parent to make child support payments may be terminated as follows:
- (1) Provided that the **state case registry or** child support order contains the child's date of birth, the obligation shall be deemed terminated without further judicial or administrative process when the child reaches age twenty-one if the child support order does not specifically require payment of child support beyond age twenty-one for reasons provided by subsection 4 of this section;
- (2) The obligation shall be deemed terminated without further judicial or administrative process when the parent receiving child support furnishes a sworn statement or affidavit notifying the obligor parent of the child's emancipation in accordance with the requirements of subsection 4 of section 452.370, and a copy of such sworn statement or affidavit is filed with the court which entered the order establishing the child support obligation, or the **family support** division [of child support enforcement] for an order entered pursuant to section 454.470;

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- (3) The obligation shall be deemed terminated without further judicial or administrative process when the parent paying child support files a sworn statement or affidavit with the court which entered the order establishing the child support obligation, or the family support division for an order entered pursuant to section 454.470, stating that the child is emancipated and reciting the factual basis for such statement; which statement or affidavit is served by the court or division, as applicable, on the child support obligee; and which is either acknowledged and affirmed by the child support obligee in writing, or which is not responded to in writing within thirty days of receipt by the child support obligee;
- (4) The obligation shall be terminated as provided by this subdivision by the court which entered the order establishing the child support obligation, or the family support division for an order entered pursuant to section 454.470, when the parent paying child support files a sworn statement or affidavit with the court which entered the order establishing the child support obligation, or the family support division, as applicable, stating that the child is emancipated and reciting the factual basis for such statement; and which statement or affidavit is served by the court or division, as applicable, on the child support obligee. If the obligee denies the statement or affidavit, the court or division shall thereupon treat the sworn statement or affidavit as a [motion to modify the support obligation pursuant to section 452.370 or section 454.496, RSMo,] request for hearing and shall proceed to hear and adjudicate such [motion] request for hearing as provided by law; provided that the court may require the payment of a deposit as security for court costs and any accrued court costs, as provided by law, in relation to such [motion to modify.] request for hearing. When the division receives a request for hearing, the hearing shall be held in the manner provided by section 454.475.
- 12. The court may enter a judgment terminating child support pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (3) of subsection 11 of this section without necessity of a court appearance by either party. The clerk of the court shall mail a copy of a judgment terminating child support entered pursuant to subsection 11 of this section on both the obligor and obligee parents. The supreme court may promulgate uniform forms for sworn statements and affidavits to terminate orders of child support obligations for use pursuant to subsection 11 of this section and subsection 4 of section 452.370.

452.377. 1. For purposes of this section and section 452.375, "relocate" or

- 2 "relocation" means a change in the principal residence of a child for a period of
- 3 ninety days or more, but does not include a temporary absence from the principal
- 4 residence.
- 5 2. Notice of a proposed relocation of the residence of the child, or any
- 6 party entitled to custody or visitation of the child, shall be given in writing by
- 7 certified mail, return receipt requested, to any party with custody or visitation
- 8 rights. Absent exigent circumstances as determined by a court with jurisdiction,
- 9 written notice shall be provided at least sixty days in advance of the proposed
- 10 relocation. The notice of the proposed relocation shall include the following
- 11 information:
- 12 (1) The intended new residence, including the specific address and mailing
- 13 address, if known, and if not known, the city;
- 14 (2) The home telephone number of the new residence, if known;
- 15 (3) The date of the intended move or proposed relocation;
- 16 (4) A brief statement of the specific reasons for the proposed relocation of
- 17 a child, if applicable; and
- 18 (5) A proposal for a revised schedule of custody or visitation with the
- 19 child, if applicable.
- 20 3. A party required to give notice of a proposed relocation pursuant to
- 21 subsection 2 of this section has a continuing duty to provide a change in or
- 22 addition to the information required by this section as soon as such information
- 23 becomes known.
- 4. In exceptional circumstances where the court makes a finding that the
- 25 health or safety of any adult or child would be unreasonably placed at risk by the
- 26 disclosure of the required identifying information concerning a proposed
- 27 relocation of the child, the court may order that:
- 28 (1) The specific residence address and telephone number of the child,
- 29 parent or person, and other identifying information shall not be disclosed in the
- 30 pleadings, notice, other documents filed in the proceeding or the final order
- 31 except for an in camera disclosure;
- 32 (2) The notice requirements provided by this section shall be waived to the
- 33 extent necessary to protect the health or safety of a child or any adult; or
- 34 (3) Any other remedial action the court considers necessary to facilitate
- 35 the legitimate needs of the parties and the best interest of the child.
- 36 5. The court shall consider a failure to provide notice of a proposed
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- 38 (1) A factor in determining whether custody and visitation should be 39 modified;
- 40 (2) A basis for ordering the return of the child if the relocation occurs 41 without notice; and
- 42 (3) Sufficient cause to order the party seeking to relocate the child to pay 43 reasonable expenses and attorneys fees incurred by the party objecting to the 44 relocation.
- 6. If the parties agree to a revised schedule of custody and visitation for the child, which includes a parenting plan, they may submit the terms of such agreement to the court with a written affidavit signed by all parties with custody or visitation assenting to the terms of the agreement, and the court may order the revised parenting plan and applicable visitation schedule without a hearing.
 - 7. The residence of the child may be relocated sixty days after providing notice, as required by this section, unless a parent files a motion seeking an order to prevent the relocation within thirty days after receipt of such notice. Such motion shall be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the specific factual basis supporting a prohibition of the relocation. The person seeking relocation shall file a response to the motion within fourteen days, unless extended by the court for good cause, and include a counter-affidavit setting forth the facts in support of the relocation as well as a proposed revised parenting plan for the child.
 - 8. If relocation of the child is proposed, a third party entitled by court order to legal custody of or visitation with a child and who is not a parent may file a cause of action to obtain a revised schedule of legal custody or visitation, but shall not prevent a relocation.
- 9. The party seeking to relocate shall have the burden of proving that the proposed relocation is made in good faith and is in the best interest of the child.
 - 10. If relocation is permitted:
- (1) The court shall order contact with the nonrelocating party including custody or visitation and telephone access sufficient to assure that the child has frequent, continuing and meaningful contact with the nonrelocating party unless the child's best interest warrants otherwise; and
- 69 (2) The court shall specify how the transportation costs will be allocated 70 between the parties and adjust the child support, as appropriate, considering the 71 costs of transportation.
- 72 11. After August 28, 1998, every court order establishing or modifying 73 custody or visitation shall include the following language: "Absent exigent

- 74 circumstances as determined by a court with jurisdiction, you, as a party to this
- 75 action, are ordered to notify, in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested,
- 76 and at least sixty days prior to the proposed relocation, each party to this action
- 77 of any proposed relocation of the principal residence of the child, including the
- 78 following information:

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- 79 (1) The intended new residence, including the specific address and mailing 80 address, if known, and if not known, the city;
- 81 (2) The home telephone number of the new residence, if known;
- 82 (3) The date of the intended move or proposed relocation;
- 83 (4) A brief statement of the specific reasons for the proposed relocation of 84 the child; and
- 85 (5) A proposal for a revised schedule of custody or visitation with the 86 child.
- or any other party by virtue of this order is entitled to custody of a child covered by this order. Your failure to obey the order of this court regarding the proposed

Your obligation to provide this information to each party continues as long as you

- 90 relocation may result in further litigation to enforce such order, including
- 91 contempt of court. In addition, your failure to notify a party of a relocation of the 92 child may be considered in a proceeding to modify custody or visitation with the
- 93 child. Reasonable costs and attorney fees may be assessed against you if you fail
- 94 to give the required notice. The residence of the child may be relocated
- 95 sixty days after providing notice, as required in this section, unless a
- 96 parent files a motion seeking an order to prevent the relocation within
- 97 thirty days after receipt of such notice. Such motion shall be
- 98 accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the specific factual basis
- 99 supporting a prohibition of the relocation. The person seeking
- 100 relocation shall file a response to the motion within fourteen days,
- 101 unless extended by the court for good cause, and include a counter-
- 102 affidavit setting forth the facts in support of the relocation as well as
- 103 a proposed revised parenting plan for the child.".
- 12. Violation of the provisions of this section or a court order under this section may be deemed a change of circumstance under section 452.410, allowing the court to modify the prior custody decree. In addition, the court may utilize any and all powers relating to contempt conferred on it by law or rule of the
- 108 Missouri supreme court.
- 109 13. Any party who objects in good faith to the relocation of a child's

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principal residence shall not be ordered to pay the costs and attorney's fees of the party seeking to relocate.

452.430. Any pleadings, other than the interlocutory or final judgment or any modification thereof, in a dissolution of marriage [or], legal separation, or modification proceeding filed prior to August 28, 2009, shall be subject to inspection only by the parties [or], an attorney of record [or upon order of the court for good cause shown, or by], the family support division within the department of social services when services are being provided under section 454.400, [RSMo.] a person or designee of a person licensed and acting under chapter 381 who shall keep any information obtained confidential, except as necessary to the performance of functions required by chapter 381 or upon order of the court for good cause 11 shown. Such persons may receive or make copies of documents without the clerk being required to redact the Social Security number, unless 1213 the court specifically orders the clerk to do otherwise. The clerk shall redact the Social Security number from any copy of a judgment [or pleading] or 1415 satisfaction of judgment before releasing the copy of the interlocutory or final judgment or satisfaction of judgment to the public. 16

454.425. 1. The family support division [of child support enforcement] shall render child support services authorized pursuant to this chapter to persons who are not recipients of public assistance as well as to such recipients. Services may be provided to children, custodial parents, noncustodial parents and other persons entitled to receive support. An application may be required by the division for services and fees may be charged by the division pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 654 and federal regulations. Services provided under a state plan shall be made available to residents of other states on the same terms as residents of this state. If a family receiving services ceases to receive assistance under a state program funded under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act, 10 the division shall provide appropriate notice to such family, and services shall 11 continue under the same terms and conditions as that provided to other 12individuals under the state plan, except that an application for continued services 13 14 shall not be required and the requirement for payment of fees shall not apply to the family. 15

2. The division shall charge a fee in the amount of sixty dollars to an obligee or obligor who requests that the division review a support order under subdivision (13) of subsection 2 of section 454.400 for the

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purpose of determining whether a modification to the support order is appropriate. After the division completes a review, the fee is nonrefundable, regardless of the outcome of the review. The division shall waive the review fee if the requestor has an individual gross monthly income of less than two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level based on a household size of one, if the requestor currently or formerly received assistance under a state program funded under Part A of Title IV of the federal Social Security Act or if the fee 26is otherwise prohibited by state or federal law.

- 3. The division shall charge a fee to an obligee or obligor who requests that the division modify a support order after the division has determined that a modification action is appropriate and that such modification action can be completed under this chapter. After the division completes the modification action, the fee is nonrefundable, regardless of the outcome of the modification action. The division shall waive the modification fee if the requestor has an individual gross monthly income of less than two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level based on a household size of one, if the requestor currently or formerly received assistance under a state program funded under Part A of Title IV of the federal Social Security Act or if the fee is otherwise prohibited by state or federal law. When appropriate to charge a modification fee under this section, the modification fee shall be in the amount of:
- (1) One hundred seventy-five dollars if the requestor has an individual gross monthly income equal to or greater than two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level but less than four hundred percent of the federal poverty level based on a household size of one; or
- (2) Three hundred fifty dollars if the requestor has an individual gross monthly income equal to or greater than four hundred percent of the federal poverty level based on a household size of one.
- 4. The division shall charge a fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars for submitting past-due child and spousal support debts for collection through federal income tax refund offset. The fee shall be assessed only if the division collects support on a case through federal income tax refund offset. The fee shall be assessed each time a federal income tax intercept is distributed to a case receiving services under

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this chapter. The obligor shall receive credit against the support order 56 for the entire federal income tax refund offset. The fee shall be collected from the obligee by deducting the fee from the amount 58payable to the obligee. The division shall waive the federal income tax 59refund offset fee if the obligee currently or formerly received 60 assistance under a state program funded under Part A of Title IV of the 61 federal Social Security Act or if the fee is otherwise prohibited by state 62 or federal law. 63

5. The division shall have the authority to change the amount of the review fee and modification fee under this section by administrative rule under the authority of section 454.400. The amount of the review fee and modification fee established by the division by rule shall be based on actual standardized cost in accordance with 45 CFR Section 302.33.

454.475. 1. Hearings provided for in this section shall be conducted pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, by administrative hearing officers designated by the Missouri department of social services. The hearing officer shall provide the parents, the person having custody of the child, or other appropriate agencies or their attorneys with notice of any proceeding in which support obligations may be established or modified. The department shall not be stayed from enforcing and collecting upon the administrative order during the hearing process and during any appeal to the courts of this state, unless specifically enjoined by court 9 order.

- 2. If no factual issue has been raised by the application for hearing, or the issues raised have been previously litigated or do not constitute a defense to the action, the director may enter an order without an evidentiary hearing, which order shall be a final decision entitled to judicial review as provided in sections 536.100 to 536.140, RSMo.
- 3. After full and fair hearing, the hearing officer shall make specific findings regarding the liability and responsibility, if any, of the alleged 16 responsible parent for the support of the dependent child, and for repayment of 17accrued state debt or arrearages, and the costs of collection, and shall enter an order consistent therewith. In making the determination of the amount the 19 20parent shall contribute toward the future support of a dependent child, the hearing officer shall [use the scale and formula for minimum support obligations 21established by the department pursuant to section 454.480] consider the

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23 factors set forth in section 452.340.

4. If the person who requests the hearing fails to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, upon a showing of proper notice to that parent, the hearing officer shall enter findings and order in accordance with the provisions of the notice and finding of support responsibility unless the hearing officer determines that no good cause therefor exists.

- 5. In contested cases, the findings and order of the hearing officer shall be the decision of the director. Any parent or person having custody of the child adversely affected by such decision may obtain judicial review pursuant to sections 536.100 to 536.140, RSMo, by filing a petition for review in the circuit court of proper venue within thirty days of mailing of the decision. Copies of the decision or order of the hearing officer shall be mailed to any parent, person having custody of the child and the division within fourteen days of issuance.
- 6. If a hearing has been requested, and upon request of a parent, a person having custody of the child, the division or a IV-D agency, the director shall enter a temporary order requiring the provision of child support pending the final decision or order pursuant to this section if there is clear and convincing evidence establishing a presumption of paternity pursuant to section 210.822, RSMo. In determining the amount of child support, the director shall consider the factors set forth in section 452.340, RSMo. The temporary order, effective upon filing pursuant to section 454.490, is not subject to a hearing pursuant to this section. The temporary order may be stayed by a court of competent jurisdiction only after a hearing and a finding by the court that the order fails to comply with rule 88.01.
- 454.515. 1. A judgment or order for child support or maintenance payable in periodic installments shall not be a lien on the real estate of the person against whom the judgment or order is rendered until the person entitled to receive payments pursuant to the judgment or order, the division or IV-D agency files a lien and the lien is recorded in the office of the circuit clerk of any county in this state in which such real estate is situated in the manner provided for by the supreme court and chapter 511, RSMo. Thereafter, the judgment shall become a lien on all real property of the obligor in such county, owned by the obligor at the time, or which the obligor may acquire afterwards and before the lien expires.
 - 2. Liens pursuant to this section shall commence on the day filed and shall continue for a period of three years. A judgment creditor, the division or IV-D agency may revive a lien by filing another lien on or before each three-year

- anniversary of the original judgment. At the time each lien is revived, all unpaid
 installments shall remain a lien for the subsequent three-year period.
- 3. The lien shall state the name, last known address of the obligor, the last four digits of the obligor's Social Security number, the obligor's date of birth, if known, and the amount of support or maintenance due and unpaid.
- 4. A copy of the lien shall be mailed by the person entitled to receive payments under the judgment or order, the division or IV-D agency to the last known address of the obligor.
- 5. The person entitled to receive payments pursuant to the judgment or order, the division or IV-D agency may execute a partial or total release of the liens created by this section, either generally or as to specific property.
- 454.517. 1. The director, IV-D agency or the obligee may cause a lien for unpaid and delinquent child or spousal support to be placed upon any workers' compensation benefits payable to an obligor delinquent in child or spousal support payments.
- 2. No such lien shall be effective unless and until a written notice is filed with the director of the division of workers' compensation. The notice shall contain the name and address of the delinquent obligor, the Social Security number of the obligor, if known, the name of the obligee, and the amount of delinquent child or spousal support.
- 3. Notice of lien shall not be filed unless the delinquent child or spousalsupport obligation exceeds one hundred dollars.
- 12 4. Any person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations, including an insurance carrier, making any payment of workers' compensation benefits to such obligor or to such obligor's attorneys, heirs or legal 14representative, after receipt of such notice, as defined in subsection 5 of this 15 section, shall be liable to the obligee or, if support has been assigned pursuant 16 to subsection 2 of section 208.040, RSMo, to the state or IV-D agency in an 17 amount equal to the lesser of the workers' compensation benefits paid or 18 delinquent child or spousal support. In such event, the lien may be enforced by 19 20 a suit at law against any person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or 21corporations making the workers' compensation benefit payment.
- 5. Upon the filing of a notice pursuant to this section, the director of the division of workers' compensation shall mail to the obligor and to all attorneys and insurance carriers of record, a copy of the notice. The obligor, attorneys and insurance carriers shall be deemed to have received the notice within five days

of the mailing of the notice by the director of the division of workers' compensation. The lien described in this section shall attach to all workers' compensation benefits which are thereafter payable.

- 6. A notice issued by the IV-D agency of this state shall advise the obligor of the procedures to contest the lien pursuant to section 454.475 on the grounds that such lien is improper due to a mistake of fact by requesting a hearing within thirty days of the mailing date of the notice. At such a hearing the certified copy of the court order and the sworn or certified statement of arrearages shall constitute prima facie evidence that the director's order is valid and enforceable. If a prima facie case is established, the obligor may only assert mistake of fact as a defense. For purposes of this section, "mistake of fact" means an error in the amount of the overdue support or an error as to the identity of the obligor. The obligor shall have the burden of proof on such issues.
- [6.] 7. In cases which are not IV-D cases, to cause a lien pursuant to the provisions of this section the obligee or the obligor's attorney shall file notice of the lien with the lienholder or payor. This notice shall have attached a certified copy of the court order with all modifications and a sworn statement by the obligee or a certified statement from the court attesting to or certifying the amount of arrearages.

454.548. In addition to any fees imposed pursuant to section 454.425 and if allowed by federal law, the division [may] shall charge and collect a fee of ten dollars from support received through the payment center for each order for every year or portion of a year during which payments are received by the payment center. Such fee shall be used to reimburse the state for the costs associated with processing support payments.

454.557. 1. A current support obligation shall not be recorded in the records maintained in the automated child support system in the following cases:

(1) In a IV-D case with a support order pursuant to section 454.465 or 454.470 when the division determines that payments for current support are no longer due and should no longer be made to the payment center. The division shall notify by first class mail the obligor and obligee under the support orders that payments shall no longer be made to the payment center, and any withholding of income shall be terminated unless it is subsequently determined by the division or court having jurisdiction that payments will continue. The

- division's determination shall terminate the division's support order, but shall not terminate any obligation of support established by court order. The obligor and obligee may contest the decision of the division to terminate the division's support order by requesting a hearing within thirty days of the mailing of the notice provided pursuant to this section. The hearing shall comply with the provisions of section 454.475;
- 16 (2) In [a] all [IV-D case] cases with a support order entered by a court
 17 when the court that issued the support order terminates such order [and notifies
 18 the division]. The division shall also cease enforcing the order if no past support
 19 is due; or
- 20 (3) In all cases when the [child is twenty-two years of age, unless a court orders support to continue. The obligor or obligee may contest the decision of the 2122division to terminate accruing support orders by requesting a hearing within thirty days of the mailing of notice by the division. The hearing shall comply 23with the provisions of section 454.475. The issue at the hearing, if any, shall be 24limited to a mistake of fact as to the age of the child or the existence of a court 25order requiring support after the age of twenty-two] obligation of a parent to 2627make child support payments is deemed terminated pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (4) of subsection 11 of section 452.340. 28
- 29 2. Nothing in this section shall affect or terminate the amount due for 30 unpaid past support.
- 454.1003. 1. A court or the director of the division of child support enforcement may issue an order, or in the case of a business, professional or occupational license, only a court may issue an order, suspending an obligor's license and ordering the obligor to refrain from engaging in a licensed activity in the following cases:
- 6 (1) When the obligor is not making child support payments in accordance 7 with a [court] support order and owes an arrearage in an amount greater than 8 or equal to three months support payments or two thousand five hundred dollars, 9 whichever is less, as of the date of service of a notice of intent to suspend such 10 license; or
- 12 (2) When the obligor or any other person, after receiving appropriate
 12 notice, fails to comply with a subpoena of a court or the director concerning
 13 actions relating to the establishment of paternity, or to the establishment,
 14 modification or enforcement of support orders, or order of the director for genetic
 15 testing.

- 2. In any case but a IV-D case, upon the petition of an obligee alleging the existence of an arrearage, a court with jurisdiction over the support order may issue a notice of intent to suspend a license. In a IV-D case, the director, or a court at the request of the director, may issue a notice of intent to suspend.
- 3. The notice of intent to suspend a license shall be served on the obligor personally or by certified mail. If the proposed suspension of license is based on the obligor's support arrearage, the notice shall state that the obligor's license shall be suspended sixty days after service unless, within such time, the obligor:
- 24 (1) Pays the entire arrearage stated in the notice;
- 25 (2) Enters into and complies with a payment plan approved by the court 26 or the division; or
 - (3) Requests a hearing before the court or the director.
- 4. In a IV-D case, the notice shall advise the obligor that hearings are subject to the contested case provisions of chapter 536, RSMo.
- 5. If the proposed suspension of license is based on the alleged failure to comply with a subpoena relating to paternity or a child support proceeding, or order of the director for genetic testing, the notice of intent to suspend shall inform the person that such person's license shall be suspended sixty days after service, unless the person complies with the subpoena or order.
- 6. If the obligor fails to comply with the terms of repayment agreement, a court or the division may issue a notice of intent to suspend the obligor's license.
- 7. In addition to the actions to suspend or withhold licenses pursuant to this chapter, a court or the director of the division of child support enforcement may restrict such licenses in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
 - 455.007. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the public interest exception to the mootness doctrine shall apply to an appeal of a full order of protection which has expired.

455.501. As used in sections 455.500 to 455.538, the following terms 2 mean:

- 3 (1) "Abuse", any physical injury, sexual abuse, or emotional abuse 4 inflicted on a child other than by accidental means by an adult household 5 member, or stalking of a child. Discipline including spanking, administered in 6 a reasonable manner shall not be construed to be abuse;
- 7 (2) "Adult household member", any person [eighteen] seventeen years 8 of age or older or an emancipated child who resides with the child in the same

- 9 dwelling unit;
- 10 (3) "Child", any person under [eighteen] seventeen years of age;
- 11 (4) "Court", the circuit or associate circuit judge or a family court 12 commissioner;
- 13 (5) "Ex parte order of protection", an order of protection issued by the 14 court before the respondent has received notice of the petition or an opportunity 15 to be heard on it;
- 16 (6) "Full order of protection", an order of protection issued after a hearing
 17 on the record where the respondent has received notice of the proceedings and
 18 has had an opportunity to be heard;
- 19 (7) "Order of protection", either an ex parte order of protection or a full 20 order of protection;
- 21 (8) "Petitioner", a person authorized to file a verified petition under the 22 provisions of sections 455.503 and 455.505;
- 23 (9) "Respondent", the adult household member, emancipated child or 24 person stalking the child against whom a verified petition has been filed;
- 25 (10) "Stalking", when an adult purposely and repeatedly engages in an 26 unwanted course of conduct with regard to a child that causes another adult to 27 believe that a child would suffer alarm by the conduct. As used in this 28 subdivision:
- 29 (a) "Course of conduct" means a pattern of conduct composed of repeated 30 acts over a period of time, however short, that serves no legitimate purpose. Such 31 conduct may include, but is not limited to, following the other person or unwanted 32 communication or contact;
- 33 (b) "Repeated" means two or more incidents evidencing a continuity of 34 purpose; and
 - (c) "Alarm" means to cause fear of danger of physical harm;
- 36 (11) "Victim", a child who is alleged to have been abused by an adult 37 household member.

484.053. The director of revenue is hereby authorized, pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the supreme court, to develop procedures which shall permit the clerk of the supreme court to furnish the director, at least once each year, with a list of persons currently licensed to practice law in this state. [If any such person is delinquent on any state taxes or has failed to file state income tax returns in the last three years and such person has not paid in protest or commenced a reasonably founded dispute with such liability, the director shall

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8 notify the clerk of the supreme court that such person has such delinquency or 9 failure to file.] The director shall notify the clerk, in such form as the 10 clerk may specify, of any person on the list who is deficient in payment 11 of any state taxes and has not paid the tax in protest, commenced a 12 reasonably founded dispute as to the deficiency, or entered an 13 agreement with the director to satisfy the deficiency.

484.350. Recognizing that Missouri children have a right to adequate and effective representation in child welfare cases, [the September 17, 1996,] Missouri supreme court standards for representation by guardians ad litem shall be adopted statewide and each circuit shall devise a plan for implementation which takes into account the individual needs of their circuit as well as the negative impact that excessive caseloads have upon effectiveness of counsel. These plans shall be approved by the supreme court en banc and fully implemented by July 1, 2011.

494.455. 1. Each county or city not within a county may elect to compensate its jurors pursuant to subsection 2 of this section except as otherwise provided in [subsection] subsections 3 and 4 of this section.

4 2. Each grand and petit juror shall receive six dollars per day, for every day he or she may actually serve as such, and seven cents for every mile he or she 5 may necessarily travel going from his or her place of residence to the courthouse 6 and returning, to be paid from funds of the county or a city not within a county. The governing body of each county or a city not within a county may 8 9 authorize additional daily compensation and mileage allowance for jurors, which 10 additional compensation shall be paid from the funds of the county or a city not within a county. The governing body of each county or a city not within a county 11 may authorize additional daily compensation and mileage allowance for jurors 12attending a coroner's inquest. Jurors may receive the additional compensation 13 and mileage allowance authorized by this subsection only if the governing body 14 of the county or the city not within a county authorizes the additional 15 compensation. The provisions of this subsection authorizing additional 16 compensation shall terminate upon the issuance of a mandate by the Missouri 17 supreme court which results in the state of Missouri being obligated or required 18 19 to pay any such additional compensation even if such additional compensation is formally approved or authorized by the governing body of a county or a city not 20 21within a county. Provided that a county or a city not within a county authorizes daily compensation payable from county or city funds for jurors who serve in that 22

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county pursuant to this subsection in the amount of at least six dollars per day in addition to the amount required by this subsection, a person shall receive an additional six dollars per day to be reimbursed by the state of Missouri so that the total compensation payable shall be at least eighteen dollars, plus mileage for each day that the person actually serves as a petit juror in a particular case; or for each day that a person actually serves as a grand juror during a term of a grand jury. The state shall reimburse the county for six dollars of the additional juror compensation provided by this subsection.

- 3. In any county of the first classification without a charter form of government and with a population of at least two hundred thousand inhabitants, no grand or petit juror shall receive compensation for the first two days of service, but shall receive fifty dollars per day for the third day and each subsequent day he or she may actually serve as such, and seven cents for every mile he or she may necessarily travel going from his or her place of residence to the courthouse and returning, to be paid from funds of the county.
- 4. In any county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants no grand or petit juror shall receive compensation for the first day of service. For the second day of service each grand and petit juror shall receive six dollars per day. For the third and each subsequent day he or she may actually serve as such each grand and petit juror shall receive forty dollars per day. No petit or grand juror shall receive pay for mileage for any day of service.
- 5. When each panel of jurors summoned and attending court has completed its service, the board of jury commissioners shall cause to be submitted to the governing body of the county or a city not within a county a statement of fees earned by each juror. Within thirty days of the submission of the statement of fees, the governing body shall cause payment to be made to those jurors summoned the fees earned during their service as jurors.
- 517.081. A case [shall] may be certified for assignment by the presiding judge of the circuit or in accordance with local rules when:
- 3 (1) A party files a petition, a counterclaim, cross claim or third-party 4 petition that independently exceeds the jurisdiction of cases triable under this 5 chapter; or
 - (2) Consolidation of cases appears proper, and such consolidation would result in a claim exceeding the jurisdictional limit of [the division] this chapter.

525.233. The notice of garnishment and the writ of sequestration shall contain only the last four digits of the federal taxpayer identification number, when available, on the judgment debtor. When the last four digits of the federal taxpayer identification number is omitted from the notice of garnishment or the writ of sequestration the garnishee shall not be held liable for withholding 5 from the incorrect debtor by the creditor garnishing the funds. The creditor shall not have any action against the garnishee, when the last four digits of the 8 federal taxpayer identification number is omitted from the notice of garnishment or the writ of sequestration or does not match the last four digits of the federal taxpayer identification, for failure to withhold from any person the amount stated 10 in the notice of garnishment or the writ of sequestration, except to serve a notice 11 of garnishment or writ of sequestration for the original amount to the garnishee 12 with the correct last four digits of the federal taxpayer identification number. 13

537.296. In any action for private nuisance where the amount in controversy exceeds one million dollars, if any party requests the court or jury to visit the property alleged to be affected by the nuisance, the court or jury [shall] may visit the property.

537.800. Sections 537.800 to 537.810 shall be known as the 2 "Missouri False Claims Act".

537.802. 1. As used in this section the following terms shall mean:

- (1) "Claim", includes any request or demand, whether under a contract or otherwise, for money or property which is made to a contractor, grantee, or other recipient if the government provides any portion of the money or property which is requested or demanded, or if the government will reimburse such contractor, grantee, or other recipient for any portion of the money or property which is requested or demanded;
- 10 (2) "Government", the state of Missouri, or any political 11 subdivision of the state, including but not limited to any public school 12 district, public charter school of the state, or municipal corporation;
- 13 (3) "Knowing" and "knowingly", that a person, with respect to 14 information:
 - (a) Has actual knowledge of the information;

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16 (b) Acts in deliberate ignorance of the truth or falsity of the 17 information; or

- 18 (c) Acts in reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the 19 information, and no proof of specific intent to defraud is required;
- 20 (4) "Person", any individual, entity, corporation, partnership or 21 association, officer or employee of any state or private entity.
- 22 2. Any person who:
- 23 (1) Knowingly presents, or causes to be presented, a false or 24 fraudulent claim for payment or approval to an officer or employee of 25 the government;
- 26 (2) Knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used, a false 27 record or statement to get a false or fraudulent claim paid or approved 28 by the government;
- 29 (3) Conspires to defraud the government by getting a false or 30 fraudulent claim allowed or paid;
- 31 (4) Has possession, custody, or control of property or money 32 used, or to be used, by the government and, intending to defraud the 33 government or willfully to conceal the property, delivers, or causes to 34 be delivered, less property than the amount for which the person 35 receives a certificate or receipt;
- 36 (5) Authorized to make or deliver a document certifying receipt 37 of property used, or to be used, by the government and, intending to 38 defraud the government, makes or delivers the receipt without knowing 39 that the information on the receipt is true;
- 40 (6) Knowingly buys, or receives as a pledge of an obligation or 41 debt, public property from an officer, employee, or agent of the 42 government who lawfully may not sell or pledge the property;
- 43 (7) Knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used, a false 44 record or statement to conceal, avoid, or decrease an obligation to pay 45 or transmit money or property to the government; or
- 46 (8) Violates section 105.452, 105.454, 576.010, 576.020, 576.030, 47 576.040, 576.050, or 576.080;
- shall be liable to the government affected for a civil penalty of not less than ten thousand dollars and not more than one hundred thousand dollars, plus three times the amount of damages which the government sustains because of the act of that person, except that if the court finds that:
- 53 (a) The person committing the violation of this subsection 54 furnished officials of the government entity responsible for

55 investigating false claims violations with all information known to such 56 person about the violation within thirty days after the date on which 57 the defendant first obtained the information;

- 58 **(b)** Such person fully cooperated with any government 59 investigation of such violation; and
- (c) At the time such person furnished the government with the information about the violation, no criminal prosecution, civil action, or administrative action had commenced under state law with respect to such violation, and the person did not have actual knowledge of the existence of an investigation into such violation;
- the court may assess not less than two times the amount of damages which the government sustains because of the act of the person. A person violating this subsection shall also be liable to the government for the costs of a civil action brought to recover any such penalty or damages.
- 3. Any information furnished under paragraphs (a) to (c) of subdivision (8) of subsection 2 of this section shall be exempt from disclosure under this section.
- 4. This section does not apply to claims, records, or statements made under any provisions applicable to state or local taxation.
- 537.804. 1. The attorney general shall diligently investigate a violation under section 537.802. If the attorney general finds that a person has violated or is violating section 537.802, the attorney general may bring a civil action under this section against the person.
- 2. (1) A person may bring a civil action for a violation of section 537.802 for the person and for the government. The action shall be brought in the name of the government. The action may be dismissed only if the court and the attorney general give written consent to the dismissal and their reasons for consenting.
- 10 (2) A copy of the petition and written disclosure of substantially
 11 all material evidence and information the person possesses shall be
 12 served on the government under the Missouri Supreme Court rules of
 13 civil procedure. The petition shall be filed in camera, shall remain
 14 under seal for at least sixty days, and shall not be served on the
 15 defendant until the court so orders. The government may elect to
 16 intervene and proceed with the action within sixty days after it
 17 receives both the petition and material evidence and information.

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- (3) The government may, for good cause shown, move the court 18 19 for extensions of time during which the petition remains under seal under subdivision (2) of this subsection. Any such motions may be 20 supported by affidavits or other submissions in camera. The defendant 2122shall not be required to respond to any petition filed under this section until thirty days after the petition is unsealed and served upon the 23 defendant under the Missouri Supreme Court rules of civil procedure. 24
 - (4) Before expiration of the sixty-day period or any extensions obtained under subdivision (3) of this subsection, the government shall:
 - (a) Proceed with the action, in which case the action shall be conducted by the government; or
 - (b) Notify the court that it declines to take over the action, in which case the person bringing the action shall have the right to conduct the action.
 - (5) When a person brings an action under this subsection, no person other than the government may intervene or bring a related action based on the facts underlying the pending action.
 - 3. If the government proceeds with the action, it shall have the primary responsibility for prosecuting the action, and shall not be bound by an act of the person bringing the action. Such person shall have the right to continue as a party to the action, subject to the limitations set forth in subsection 4 of this section.
 - 4. (1) The government may dismiss the action notwithstanding the objections of the person initiating the action if the person has been notified by the government of the filing of the motion and the court has provided the person with an opportunity for a hearing on the motion.
 - (2) The government may settle the action with the defendant notwithstanding the objections of the person initiating the action if the court determines, after a hearing, that the proposed settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable under all the circumstances. Upon a showing of good cause, such hearing may be held in camera.
- (3) Upon a showing by the government that unrestricted participation during the course of the litigation by the person initiating 51the action would interfere with or unduly delay the government's prosecution of the case, or would be repetitious, irrelevant, or for purposes of harassment, the court may, in its discretion, impose limitations on the person's participation, such as: 54

- 55 (a) Limiting the number of witnesses the person may call;
- 56 (b) Limiting the length of the testimony of such witnesses;
 - (c) Limiting the person's cross-examination of witnesses; or
 - (d) Limiting the participation by the person in the litigation.
 - (4) Upon a showing by the defendant that unrestricted participation during the course of the litigation by the person initiating the action would be for purposes of harassment or would cause the defendant undue burden or unnecessary expense, the court may limit the participation by the person in the litigation.
 - 5. If the government elects not to proceed with the action, the person who initiated the action shall have the right to conduct the action. If the government so requests, it shall be served with copies of all pleadings filed in the action and shall be supplied with copies of all deposition transcripts, at the government's expense. When a person proceeds with the action, the court, without limiting the status and rights of the person initiating the action, may nevertheless permit the government to intervene at a later date upon a showing of good cause.
 - 6. Whether or not the government proceeds with the action, upon a showing by the government that certain actions of discovery by the person initiating the action would interfere with the government's investigation or prosecution of a criminal or civil matter arising out of the same facts, the court may stay such discovery for a period of not more than sixty days. Such showing shall be conducted in camera. The court may extend the sixty-day period upon a further showing in camera that the government has pursued the criminal or civil investigation or proceedings with reasonable diligence and any proposed discovery in the civil action will interfere with the ongoing criminal or civil investigation or proceedings.
 - 7. Notwithstanding subsection 2 of this section, the government may elect to pursue its claim through any alternate remedy available to the government, including any administrative proceeding to determine a civil money penalty. If any such alternate remedy is pursued in another proceeding, the person initiating the action shall have the same rights in such proceeding as such person would have had if the action had continued under this section. Any finding of fact or conclusion of law made in such other proceeding that has become final shall be conclusive on all parties to an action under this section. For

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purposes of the preceding sentence, a finding or conclusion is final if it has been finally determined on appeal to the appropriate court of this state, if all time for filing such an appeal with respect to the finding or conclusion has expired, or if the finding or conclusion is not subject to judicial review.

537.806. 1. If the government proceeds with an action brought by a person under subsection 2 of section 537.804, such person shall, subject to the second sentence of this subsection, receive at least fifteen percent but not more than twenty-five percent of the proceeds of the action or settlement of the claim, depending upon the extent to which the person substantially contributed to the prosecution of the action. Where the action is one which the court finds to be based primarily on disclosures of specific information, other than information 8 provided by the person bringing the action, relating to allegations or transactions in a criminal, civil, or administrative hearing, in a legislative, administrative, or government report, hearing, audit, or 11 12 investigation, or from the news media, the court may award such sums 13 as it considers appropriate, but in no case more than ten percent of the 14 proceeds, taking into account the significance of the information and 15the role of the person bringing the action in advancing the case to 16 litigation. Any payment to a person under the first or second sentence of this subsection shall be made from the proceeds. Any such person 17 18 shall also receive an amount for reasonable expenses which the court finds to have been necessarily incurred, plus reasonable attorneys' fees 19 20 and costs. All such expenses, fees, and costs shall be awarded against the defendant. 21

- 2. If the government does not proceed with an action under subsection 2 of section 537.804, the person bringing the action or settling the claim shall receive an amount which the court decides is reasonable for collecting the civil penalty and damages. The amount shall not be less than twenty-five percent and not more than thirty percent of the proceeds of the action or settlement and shall be paid out of such proceeds. Such person shall also receive an amount for reasonable expenses which the court finds to have been necessarily incurred, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. All such expenses, fees, and costs shall be awarded against the defendant.
- 3. Whether or not the government proceeds with the action, if

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33 the court finds that the action was brought by a person who planned 34 and initiated the violation of section 537.802 upon which the action was 35 brought, then the court may, to the extent the court considers appropriate, reduce the share of the proceeds of the action which the 36 person would otherwise receive under subsection 1 or 2 of this section, 37 taking into account the role of that person in advancing the case to 38 litigation and any relevant circumstances pertaining to the violation. 39 If the person bringing the action is convicted of criminal conduct 40 arising from his or her role in the violation of section 537.802, that 41 person shall be dismissed from the civil action and shall not receive 42any share of the proceeds of the action. Such dismissal shall not 43 prejudice the right of the government to continue the action, 44 represented by the attorney general. 45

- 4. If the government does not proceed with the action and the person bringing the action conducts the action, the court may award to the defendant its reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses if the defendant prevails in the action and the court finds that the claim of the person bringing the action was clearly frivolous, clearly vexatious, or brought primarily for purposes of harassment.
- 5. (1) No court shall have jurisdiction over an action brought by a former or present member of the armed forces under subsection 2 of section 537.804 against a member of the armed forces arising out of such person's service in the armed forces.
- 56 (2) No court shall have jurisdiction over an action brought under subsection 2 of section 537.804 against a member of the legislature, a member of the judiciary, or a senior executive branch official if the 5859 action is based on evidence or information known to the government 60 when the action was brought. For purposes of this subdivision "senior executive branch official" means the governor, lieutenant governor, 61 secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, state auditor, 62director, division director, or counsel of any government agency, or 63 members of any state board, commission, or council.
 - (3) In no event may a person bring an action under subsection 2 of section 537.804 which is based upon allegations or transactions which are the subject of a civil suit or an administrative civil money penalty proceeding in which the government is already a party.
 - (4) No court shall have jurisdiction over an action under section

537.804 based upon the public disclosure of allegations or transactions in a criminal, civil, or administrative hearing, in a legislative, administrative, or government report, hearing, audit, or investigation, or from the news media, unless the action is brought by the attorney general or the person bringing the action is an original source of the information.

- 6. As used in this section "original source" means an individual who has direct and independent knowledge of the information on which the allegations are based and has voluntarily provided the information to the government before filing an action under section 537.804 which is based on the information.
- 7. The government is not liable for expenses which a person incurs in bringing an action under section 537.804.

537.808. 1. In civil actions brought under section 537.804 by the 2 state of Missouri, the provisions of sections 537.800 to 537.810 shall 3 apply.

4 2. Any employee who is discharged, demoted, suspended, threatened, harassed, or in any other manner discriminated against in the terms and conditions of employment by his or her employer because of lawful acts done by the employee on behalf of the employee or others in furtherance of an action under section 537.804, including investigation for, initiation of, testimony for, or assistance in an action 10 filed or to be filed under section 537.804, shall be entitled to all relief necessary to make the employee whole. Such relief shall include 11 reinstatement with the same seniority status such employee would have 12had but for the discrimination, two times the amount of back pay, 13 14 interest on the back pay, and compensation for any special damages sustained as a result of the discrimination, including litigation costs 15and reasonable attorneys' fees. An employee may bring an action in the 16 appropriate circuit court for the relief provided in this subsection. 17

537.810. Sections 537.800 to 537.808 shall not apply to hospitals 2 and medical providers governed under section 208.164 or sections 3 191.900 to 191.910.

542.286. 1. Except for a warrant to search for the blood of a person involved in an accident, a warrant to search a person or any movable thing may be executed in any part of the state where the person or thing is found if, subsequent to the filing of the application, the person or thing moves or is

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- 2. A warrant to search for the blood of a person involved in an accident may be executed in any part of the state where the person whose blood is the subject of the warrant is found regardless of when the person moves or is taken out of the territorial jurisdiction of the court issuing the warrant.
- 3. All other search warrants shall be executed within the territorial jurisdiction of the court out of which the warrant issued and within the territorial jurisdiction of the officer executing the warrant.

559.036. 1. A term of probation commences on the day it is imposed.

Multiple terms of Missouri probation, whether imposed at the same time or at
different times, shall run concurrently. Terms of probation shall also run
concurrently with any federal or other state jail, prison, probation or parole term
for another offense to which the defendant is or becomes subject during the
period, unless otherwise specified by the Missouri court.

- 2. The court may terminate a period of probation and discharge the defendant at any time before completion of the specific term fixed under section 559.016 if warranted by the conduct of the defendant and the ends of justice. The court may extend the term of the probation, but no more than one extension of any probation may be ordered except that the court may extend the term of probation by one additional year by order of the court if the defendant admits he or she has violated the conditions of probation or is found by the court to have violated the conditions of his or her probation. Total time on any probation term, including any extension shall not exceed the maximum term established in section 559.016. Procedures for termination, discharge and extension may be established by rule of court.
- 18 3. If the defendant violates a condition of probation at any time prior to the expiration or termination of the probation term, the court may continue him 19 on the existing conditions, with or without modifying or enlarging the conditions 20or extending the term, or, if such continuation, modification, enlargement or 21extension is not appropriate, may revoke probation and order that any sentence 2223 previously imposed be executed. If imposition of sentence was suspended, the 24court may revoke probation and impose any sentence available under section 25557.011, RSMo. The court may mitigate any sentence of imprisonment by 26 reducing the prison or jail term by all or part of the time the defendant was on probation. The court may, upon revocation of probation, place an offender on a 27

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second term of probation. Such probation shall be for a term of probation as 28 29 provided by section 559.016, notwithstanding any amount of time served by the offender on the first term of probation. 30

- 4. Probation shall not be revoked without giving the probationer notice and an opportunity to be heard on the issues of whether he violated a condition of probation and, if he did, whether revocation is warranted under all the circumstances.
- 5. The prosecuting or circuit attorney may file a motion to revoke probation or at any time during the term of probation, the court may issue a notice to the probationer to appear to answer a charge of a violation, and the court may issue a warrant of arrest for the violation. Such notice shall be personally served upon the probationer. The warrant shall authorize the return of the probationer to the custody of the court or to any suitable detention facility 40 designated by the court. Upon the filing of the prosecutor's or circuit attorney's motion or on the court's own motion, the court may immediately enter an order suspending the period of probation and may order a warrant for the defendant's arrest. The probation shall remain suspended until the court rules on the prosecutor's or circuit attorney's motion, or until the court otherwise orders the probation reinstated.
 - 6. The power of the court to revoke probation shall extend for the duration of the term of probation designated by the court and for any further period which is reasonably necessary for the adjudication of matters arising before its expiration, provided that some affirmative manifestation of an intent to conduct a revocation hearing occurs prior to the expiration of the period and that every reasonable effort is made to notify the probationer and to conduct the hearing prior to the expiration of the period.
 - 7. Probation revocation proceedings are a part of the original criminal case and therefore a defendant shall not be entitled to an automatic change of judge in a probation revocation proceeding.

565.035. 1. Whenever the death penalty is imposed in any case, and upon the judgment becoming final in the trial court, the sentence shall be reviewed on the record by the supreme court of Missouri. The circuit clerk of the court trying the case, within ten days after receiving the transcript, shall transmit the entire record and transcript to the supreme court together with a notice prepared by the circuit clerk and a report prepared by the trial judge. The notice shall set forth the title and docket number of the case, the name of the defendant and the name

- 8 and address of his attorney, a narrative statement of the judgment, the offense,
- 9 and the punishment prescribed. The report by the judge shall be in the form of
- 10 a standard questionnaire prepared and supplied by the supreme court of
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- 12 2. The supreme court of Missouri shall consider the punishment as well
- 13 as any errors enumerated by way of appeal.
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- 15 (1) Whether the sentence of death was imposed under the influence of 16 passion, prejudice, or any other arbitrary factor; and
- 17 (2) Whether the evidence supports the jury's or judge's finding of a 18 statutory aggravating circumstance as enumerated in subsection 2 of section 19 565.032 and any other circumstance found;
- 20 (3) Whether the sentence of death is excessive or disproportionate to the 21 penalty imposed in similar cases, considering both the crime, the strength of the 22 evidence and the defendant.
- 4. Both the defendant and the state shall have the right to submit briefs within the time provided by the supreme court, and to present oral argument to the supreme court.
 - 5. The supreme court shall include in its decision a reference to those similar cases where the death penalty was imposed which it took into consideration. In addition to its authority regarding correction of errors, the supreme court, with regard to review of death sentences, shall be authorized to:
 - (1) Affirm the sentence of death; or
- 31 (2) Set the sentence aside and resentence the defendant to life 32 imprisonment without eligibility for probation, parole, or release except by act of 33 the governor; or
 - (3) Set the sentence aside and remand the case for retrial of the punishment hearing. A new jury shall be selected or a jury may be waived by agreement of both parties and then the punishment trial shall proceed in accordance with this chapter, with the exception that the evidence of the guilty verdict shall be admissible in the new trial together with the official transcript of any testimony and evidence properly admitted in each stage of the original trial where relevant to determine punishment.
- 6. There shall be an assistant to the supreme court, who shall be an attorney appointed by the supreme court and who shall serve at the pleasure of the court. The court shall accumulate the records of all cases in which the

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sentence of death or life imprisonment without probation or parole was imposed 44 45 after May 26, 1977, or such earlier date as the court may deem appropriate. The supreme court is not required to consider cases where life 46 47 imprisonment without probation or parole was imposed for the purpose of subsections 1 to 5 of this section. The assistant shall provide the court 48 with whatever extracted information the court desires with respect thereto, 49 including but not limited to a synopsis or brief of the facts in the record 50 concerning the crime and the defendant. The court shall be authorized to employ 51 an appropriate staff, within the limits of appropriations made for that purpose, 5253 and such methods to compile such data as are deemed by the supreme court to 54 be appropriate and relevant to the statutory questions concerning the validity of the sentence. The office of the assistant to the supreme court shall be attached 55 56 to the office of the clerk of the supreme court for administrative purposes.

7. In addition to the mandatory sentence review, there shall be a right of direct appeal of the conviction to the supreme court of Missouri. This right of appeal may be waived by the defendant. If an appeal is taken, the appeal and the sentence review shall be consolidated for consideration. The court shall render its decision on legal errors enumerated, the factual substantiation of the verdict, and the validity of the sentence.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to protect the citizens of this state, the repeal and reenactment of section 452.430 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the repeal and reenactment of section 452.430 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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