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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to child care subsidies.

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

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 208.046, to read as follows:

208.046. 1. The children's division shall promulgate rules to 2 become effective no later than July 1, 2011, to modify the income 3 eligibility criteria for any person receiving state-funded child care 4 assistance under this chapter, either through vouchers or direct 5 reimbursement to child care providers, as follows:

6 (1) Child care recipients eligible under this chapter and the 7 criteria set forth in 13 CSR 35-32.010, may pay a fee based on adjusted gross income and family size unit based on a child care sliding fee scale established by the children's division, which shall be subject to appropriations. However, a person receiving state-funded child care 10 11 assistance under this chapter and whose income surpasses the annual appropriation level may continue to receive reduced subsidy benefits 12 on a scale established by the children's division, at which time such 13 person will have assumed the full cost of the maximum base child care 14 subsidy rate established by the children's division and shall be no 15 longer eligible for child care subsidy benefits;

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- 17 (2) The sliding scale fee may be waived for children with special 18 needs as established by the division; and
- 19 (3) The maximum payment by the division shall be the applicable 20 rate minus the applicable fee.
- 2. For purposes of this section, "annual appropriation level" shall 22 mean the maximum income level to be eligible for a full child care 23 benefit as determined through the annual appropriations process.
 - 3. 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 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2010, shall be invalid and void.

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