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SENATE BILL NO. 205

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SATER.

Read 1st time January 24, 2013, and ordered printed.

Read 2nd time January 31, 2013, and referred to the Committee on Seniors, Families and Pensions.

Reported from the Committee March 28, 2013, with recommendation that the bill do pass.

Taken up for Perfection April 16, 2013. Bill declared Perfected and Ordered Printed, as amended.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 211.036, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to foster children.

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

Section A. Section 211.036, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections

- 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 211.036 and 453.350, to read as
- 3 follows:

211.036. If [a] an [child] individual under the age of [eighteen] twenty-

- one is released from the custody of the **children's** division [of family services]
- 3 and after such release it appears that it would be in such [child's] individual's
- 4 best interest to have his **or her** custody returned to the **children's** division [of
- 5 family services], the juvenile officer, the **children's** division [of family services]
- 6 or the [child] **individual** may petition the court to return custody of such [child]
- 7 individual to the division until the [child] individual is [eighteen] twenty-
- 8 **one** years of age.

453.350. 1. Beginning July 1, 2014, all Missouri foster children

- e over fifteen years of age shall thereafter receive a visit to a Missouri
- state university, or a Missouri state community or technical college in
- 4 the foster child's area before the foster child may be adopted or
- 5 otherwise terminated by foster care, unless such visit is waived by the
- 6 youth's family support team. Such visit shall be in addition to any
- 7 other required services provided to older youth in foster care and shall
- 8 include the entry application process, financial support application and
- 9 availability, career options with academic or technical training, a tour

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10 of the school, and other information and experience desired.

2. Beginning July 1, 2014, all youth in the division of youth services program over fifteen years of age shall receive a visit to a Missouri state university, or a Missouri state community or technical college in such youth's area before such youth's custody or training is completed unless such visit is waived by the youth's treatment team. Such visit shall be in addition to any other required services provided to older youth in the division of youth services and shall include the entry application process, financial support application and availability, career options with academic or technical training, a tour of the school, and other information and experience desired.

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