

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 720

AN ACT

To repeal section 210.027, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to child care providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,
AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section A. Section 210.027, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 210.027,
3 to read as follows:

4 210.027. For child-care providers who receive state or
5 federal funds for providing child-care [services in the home] fee
6 assistance, either by direct payment or through reimbursement to
7 a child-care beneficiary, the department of social services
8 shall:

9 (1) Establish publicly available website access to
10 provider-specific information about any health and safety
11 licensing or regulatory requirements for the providers, and
12 including dates of inspections, history of violations, and
13 compliance actions taken, as well as the consumer education
14 information required under subdivision (12) of this section;

15 (2) Establish or designate one hotline for parents to
16 submit complaints about child care providers;

1 (3) Be authorized to revoke the registration of a
2 registered provider for due cause;

3 [(2)] (4) Require providers to be at least eighteen years
4 of age;

5 [(3)] (5) Establish minimum requirements for building and
6 physical premises to include:

7 (a) Compliance with state and local fire, health, and
8 building codes, which shall include the ability to evacuate
9 children in the case of an emergency; and

10 (b) Emergency preparedness and response planning.

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12 Child care providers shall meet these minimum requirements prior
13 to receiving federal assistance. Where there are no local
14 ordinances or regulations regarding smoke detectors, the
15 department shall require providers, by rule, to install and
16 maintain an adequate number of smoke detectors in the residence
17 or other building where child care is provided;

18 [(4)] (6) Require providers to be tested for tuberculosis
19 on the schedule required for employees in licensed facilities;

20 [(5)] (7) Require providers to notify parents if the
21 provider does not have immediate access to a telephone;

22 [(6)] (8) Make providers aware of local opportunities for
23 training in first aid and child care;

24 (9) Promulgate rules and regulations to define pre-service
25 training requirements for child care providers and employees
26 pursuant to applicable federal laws and regulations;

27 (10) Establish procedures for conducting unscheduled onsite
28 monitoring of child care providers prior to receiving state or

1 federal funds for providing child care services either by direct
2 payment or through reimbursement to a child care beneficiary, and
3 annually thereafter;

4 (11) Require child care providers who receive assistance
5 under applicable federal laws and regulations to report to the
6 department any serious injuries or death of children occurring in
7 child care;

8 (12) With input from statewide stakeholders such as
9 parents, child care providers or administrators, and system
10 advocate groups, establish a transparent system of quality
11 indicators appropriate to the provider setting that shall provide
12 parents with a way to differentiate between child care providers
13 available in their communities as required by federal rules. The
14 system shall describe the standards used to assess the quality of
15 child care providers and the measurement approaches for such
16 assessment. The system shall indicate whether the provider meets
17 Missouri's registration or licensing standards, is in compliance
18 with applicable health and safety requirements, and the nature of
19 any violations related to registration or licensing requirements.
20 The system shall also indicate if the provider utilizes
21 nationally-recognized curricula and if the provider is in
22 compliance with staff educational requirements.