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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapters 167 and 376, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to childhood obesity.

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

Section A. Chapters 167 and 376, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto
2 two new sections, to be known as sections 167.725 and 376.387, to read as follows:

**167.725. The school board of each school district and the
2 governing body of each charter school may measure the height and
3 weight of students to calculate body mass index (BMI) as an element of
4 a student fitness assessment. BMI results may be sent to parents or
5 guardians in a confidential letter with suggestions for making healthy
6 changes, identifying obesity-related health risks such as type II
7 diabetes, and providing information about how to seek further
8 evaluation and appropriate treatment or services.**

376.389. 1. As used in this section "childhood obesity" shall mean:

**2 (1) A weight that is at least twenty pounds over or twice the
3 ideal weight for frame, age, height, and gender as specified in the 1983
4 Metropolitan Life Insurance tables, whichever is less; or**

**5 (2) A body mass index equal to or greater than twenty-five
6 kilograms per meter squared.**

**7 2. Each entity offering individual and group health insurance
8 policies providing coverage on an expense-incurred basis, individual
9 and group service or indemnity type contracts issued by a health
10 services corporation, individual and group service contracts issued by
11 a health maintenance organization, all self-insured group
12 arrangements, to the extent not preempted by federal law, and all
13 managed health care delivery entities of any type or description, that**

14 are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state
15 on or after January 1, 2015, shall offer coverage for the treatment of
16 childhood obesity. Coverage shall include obesity evaluation and
17 management, including medical nutrition therapy and other methods
18 as may be recognized by the National Institutes of Health as effective
19 for the long-term reversal of childhood obesity.

20 3. Health care services required by this section shall not be
21 subject to any greater deductible, co-payment, or coinsurance or lesser
22 durational or dollar limits than any other health care service provided
23 by the policy, contract or plan.

24 4. No entity enumerated in subsection 1 of this section may
25 reduce or eliminate coverage due to the requirements of this section.

26 5. Nothing in this section shall apply to accident-only, specified
27 disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare supplement, long-term care, or
28 other limited benefit health insurance policies.

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